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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Problem Of Refugees

It may be that people are tired of hearing about refugees. But they cannot help hearing about them. The great movements of population caused by the war and its consequences have not yet come to an end. When the International Refugee Organisation was wound up at the beginning of last year there were warnings given that its task was not done. The IRO left behind it a residue of people who were too old, too ill, or for some other reason unable to leave their camps and settle either overseas or within the society where they happened to be. Since then their numbers have been, still are, and will go on being swollen by the arrival of new refugees from the Communist countries. These come at a steady rate of over a thousand a month and tend to pile up in places that are already crowded and short of resources, such as Trieste, Austria, Greece, and our own colony of Hong-kong. There are, besides, the Germans from East Germany, the Koreans, the Arabs from Palestine, and other local though no less wretched groups. The IRO used to help the bulk of refugees both to subsist where they were and to emigrate and settle elsewhere. Since its disappearance its functions have been shared out among national Governments, voluntary societies, and several international bodies. The Intergovernmental Committee for European Emigration has taken over some of the IRO's work of helping people—not necessarily refugees—to settle overseas. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Dr van Heuven Goedhart, has authority to protect and relieve some (not all) refugees. But although much devoted work has been done it cannot be said that the present state of affairs is satisfactory.

THERE is no one agency in which the countries chiefly concerned could continue together the work of the IRO. Britain, for some reason, is not a member of the committee for emigration, and the United States, for reasons of domestic politics, does not support the High Commissioner. There is no agreed policy, but only a patchwork of palliatives, for dealing either with the relief and settlement of refugees or with the larger problem of emigration from crowded areas. Possibly this is too much to ask. The United Nations, at all events, will have to face the question at the next meeting of the Assembly, when the High Commissioner's mandate will need to be renewed and no doubt thought out afresh. The Assembly showed something less than wisdom when it laid on the High Commissioner the duty of protecting refugees and, if need be, helping them to keep body and soul together but gave him no money for purposes other than administration. It did empower him to appeal for a fund of three million dollars for relief; so far only one million has come in. A private charity may be able to scrape along from week to week. But an agency entrusted with the charitable work of the United Nations really ought to know how much it will be able to spend for some time ahead. The root of the trouble has probably been the weary hope that the refugee problem was nearly at an end. That hope, unhappily, had been put away; what ever agency is to deal with the problem had better be put on a permanent basis.

Egypt's Five Demands Revealed To Commons

ACCEPTANCE WOULD MEAN THE CANAL BASE BECOMING USELESS

London, May 12. Egypt's conditions for settlement of the Suez Canal dispute with Britain would have meant the great base becoming rapidly useless, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of State, told the House of Commons today during the Foreign Affairs debate.

This would have had an effect on the maintenance of British forces and the defence of the whole area, Mr Lloyd said.

At an early stage in Anglo-Egyptian negotiations on the Suez Base, now deadlocked, the Egyptians insisted on five points, he said.

Lady Grantham's Article On The Coronation

Widespread interest has been caused by Lady Grantham's descriptive article on the Coronation ceremony which appeared in yesterday's China Mail, and many enquiries have been received from readers for additional copies.

Those desiring further copies of the paper containing the article can obtain them from the Hongkong office of the S.C.M. Post, Ltd., ground floor.

Pravda Exposes A Scandal

London, May 12. Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, today accused party members of "falsifying accounts, vanity and waste," Moscow Radio said.

The paper said two officials in charge of building houses for miners falsified accounts by showing 200,000 roubles (about £18,000) for work which was done.

It blamed the Soviet works building, cutting and shaping machines, for "vanity," stating that the administration boasted of a new machine which turned out to be useless.

Pravda also accused the works of a "very high percentage of waste. Other industrial undertakings which were not specifically named were accused of producing second class goods and delivering them as first class.—Reuter.

Restrictions On Food Lifted

London, May 13. Britain has abolished detailed restrictions on the amount of food which might be imported as personal effects without a licence by passengers arriving from all countries by sea and air.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr Thornycroft, announcing the import change in the House of Commons last night, said the exception would be in cooked meats.

Customs officers would be left to decide if quantities were reasonable.

Since early in the war people arriving by sea and air have been limited to 50 lbs. of food as personal effects and not more than 5 lbs. of any one kind of food.—Reuter.

STORM CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE

Tokyo, May 12. The National Rural Police said today a storm last night which swept Southern Kyushu, caused considerable damage in Kagoshima and Kumamoto prefectures stopping the railway traffic, flooding and destroying farms, roads, houses.

One person was missing, it was reported.—Reuter.

1. That physical and technical control of direction of the base and any British equipment and installations left in it went to the Egyptians.
2. Any British personnel left behind in the base must be in Egyptian employment, Egyptians having the right to dismiss them.
3. Instructions to Britons for the handling of British stores and equipment could only be passed to them through the Egyptian Government.
4. Egyptians would have the sole right to decide, or at least the right to veto the use to which the stores and installations should be put.
5. British technicians would be replaced by Egyptians in a very short space of time "and we got the impression that they were thinking in terms of months."

Mr Lloyd's statement revealing the Egyptian conditions for the first time, was greeted by laughter from all sides of the House of Commons.

"Such an arrangement would only have one result," he declared. "The base would rapidly become useless, with the resulting effect on the maintenance of our forces and the defence of the whole area."

Mr Lloyd said Britain was in Egypt by virtue of rights under the treaty of 1936 which at that time he said was hailed as a triumph of Egyptian statesmanship.

"We would much prefer an amicable revision of that treaty and new arrangements arrived at by amicable means," he declared.

Topics set down for discussion with General Naguib, the Egyptian Prime Minister, for settlement of the Suez Canal Zone problem included maintenance of the base, a most complicated and technical matter requiring the most modern equipment.

Previously there had been time after time an outbreak of war to develop and prepare the base but under modern conditions it did not seem likely such an interval would be available.

Britain also wanted to discuss defence of the base, a most complicated and technical matter requiring the most modern equipment.

"We wished to discuss the phasing withdrawal of British troops with arrangements for collective defence and we wished to discuss a programme of military and economic assistance to Egypt," Mr Lloyd said.

It has been made clear to the Egyptians that Britain did not seek to fix the order in which these topics were to be discussed "although we did make it clear that in our view they were inextricably mixed and interdependent matters."

Mr Lloyd declared: "This base is not there for our glorification or imperial and sinister purposes. It is part of the defence of the free world."

The Minister revealed that since April there had been some thirty attacks on British personnel or installations in the Suez Zone. Three soldiers had been assaulted, shot and ambushed. There had been a number of incidents which had increased in frequency and seriousness in the past months.

A British driver was assaulted and was still unaccounted for. Two days later a Royal Air Force coach and British driver disappeared.

The next day an African driver and his vehicle were missing and on April 27 a transport was killed and a warrant officer wounded.

On May 3 wife of this deputy Director of Medical Services was shot and wounded by armed Egyptians while picnicking on the banks of the Suez Canal.

There were merely examples of what had been happening. "We have strong grounds for believing that these attacks had been carried out, if not under the direction of, at least with the connivance of the Egyptian armed forces," Mr Lloyd said.

"We have kept quiet about these matters in order to give the best possible atmosphere to these talks," he added.

"We have not despite all sorts of provocation, sought to exacerbate feelings in either country."

"If Britain had agreed to dispose of the Suez Canal Base in the way the Egyptians wanted it would have rapidly deteriorated and it would have taken years to reactivate it in the event of war," Mr Lloyd added.



Disaster To Comet

Part of the wreckage of the British Comet jet airliner which nose-dived and crashed in flames six minutes after taking off from Dum Dum airport in India. There were no survivors.—London Express.

EISENHOWER'S BOMBSHELL

Washington, May 12. President Eisenhower today shook the United States military high command by naming a naval man—Admiral Arthur Radford—to the top post of chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

He also named General Alfred Gruenther to be Supreme Allied Commander in Europe and nominated General Matthew Ridgway, now NATO commander, to be US Army Chief of Staff.



ADMIRAL RADFORD

The White House also announced that the President would formally nominate Admiral Robert Carney as Chief of Naval Operations some time in the future. Combined with the President's selection last week of General Nathan Twining as Air Force Chief of Staff, the announcement today completed plans for an entire turnover in the top commands.

Admiral Radford will succeed General Omar Bradley on August 19, the first Navy man ever to become chairman of the Joint Chiefs. General Ridgway will succeed General J. Lawton Collins as the Army's commander on the same date. General Twining takes over the air command on June 30 from General Hoyt Vandenberg. No date was set for Admiral Carney to take over the naval command from Admiral William Friedman.

Admiral Radford is now naval commander in the Pacific. He accompanied Mr Eisenhower to Korea on the latter's war inspection trip after the presidential election last autumn. The shake-up was announced as the Radford and Ridgway nominations were sent to the Senate.—United Press.

No Recognition Of Peking's UN Claims While War Continues

London, May 12. Mr Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of State, reiterated in the House of Commons today the British standpoint that while the conflict in Korea continued, it was quite out of question to support the Peking Government's claim to a seat on the Security Council or to promise to support it in a contingency which had not yet arisen.

But when peace came in Korea, different circumstances would arise and then the matter would have to be discussed, he added during the continued foreign affairs debate.

He gave an assurance that the British Government would have a clear view on the question at that time.

Mr Lloyd defended Lieutenant-General William K. Harrison, chief United Nations negotiator at Panmunjom, against criticism made during the debate.

He did not believe the General had been responsible for the possible developments in Southeast Asia, "including threats to Thailand, Burma and, indirectly, to India."

Mr Lloyd described the holding of press conferences by the three delegations after each meeting as "an unfortunate convention."

"They were the wrong atmosphere for negotiators to get into. But it happened on both sides."

Mr Lloyd said the latest Communist proposals about prisoners who did not wish to be repatriated differed from those in the Indian resolution in one important aspect.

OBVIOUS DIFFICULTIES

They involved the five neutral countries sending contingents of armed forces to Korea. But there were obvious practical difficulties. Switzerland, for instance, had no standing army and the proposal might lead to a delay of many months.

The British Government, he added, preferred the Indian proposal on that point.

This gave the neutral Commission discretion in the matter. It would call upon the parties to the conflict or members of the United Nations or their own governments for such help as they needed.

It seemed to be a matter capable of adjustment.

Again, under the Communist eight-point proposal, no future was clearly marked out for those prisoners who refused repatriation.

After four months this was to be put into the hands of a political conference. But there was no provision for the contingency of disagreement.

The Indian resolution was quite different. It provided that after 90 days the future of such men should be referred to the conference. If this conference failed to agree within 30 days, their repatriation would be the responsibility of the United Nations and not the United Nations Command.

Here again the Indian resolution was very much to be preferred, and he hoped agreement would be reached on something resembling it.

It was unfair to suggest that there was haggling over this point of repatriation, "because

Wiima's Fuel Cargo Transferred

Singapore, May 12. The cargo of 10,000 tons of Rumanian aviation fuel aboard the Finnish tanker Wiima is being transferred to the United States naval tanker Cahaba, usually reliable sources said here tonight.

Late in the afternoon the Cahaba tied up alongside the Wiima, anchored at Sultan Shoal, 12 miles from Singapore.

The sources said the transfer of the fuel, which was originally destined for Shanghai, would be completed on Wednesday. They said they did not know where the Cahaba would go after loading Wiima's fuel.

United States officials here declined to discuss the arrival in Singapore last night of the Cahaba and her departure from the port again this afternoon.

The American Consul-General, Mr Charles F. Baldwin, said: "I have no authority to make any statement."

The Wiima left Singapore harbour last night after being in port 90 days.—Reuter.

DRONE PLANE KILLS 3 MEN

Washington, May 12. The Navy announced today that three men were killed and four seriously injured when a target drone plane crashed into the aircraft carrier Wright and exploded yesterday, 300 miles off Key West, Florida.

The 14,500-ton carrier sustained minor damage, the announcement said.

The drone plane, which had been hit by anti-aircraft fire at 1,600 feet and again at 600 feet, went out of control and crashed into the carrier's catwalk, which extends along the sides of the flight deck.—Reuter.

Action Against News Agencies

Buenos Aires, May 12. News radio reception systems of the American news agencies Associated Press, United Press and International News Service, were cut off today by order of the Argentine Ministry of Telecommunications.

The Senate last week unanimously approved a resolution ordering an investigation into foreign news telecommunications.

The Senate last week also approved a resolution to investigate foreign news agencies operating in Argentina which had been called for by President Peron.—Reuter.

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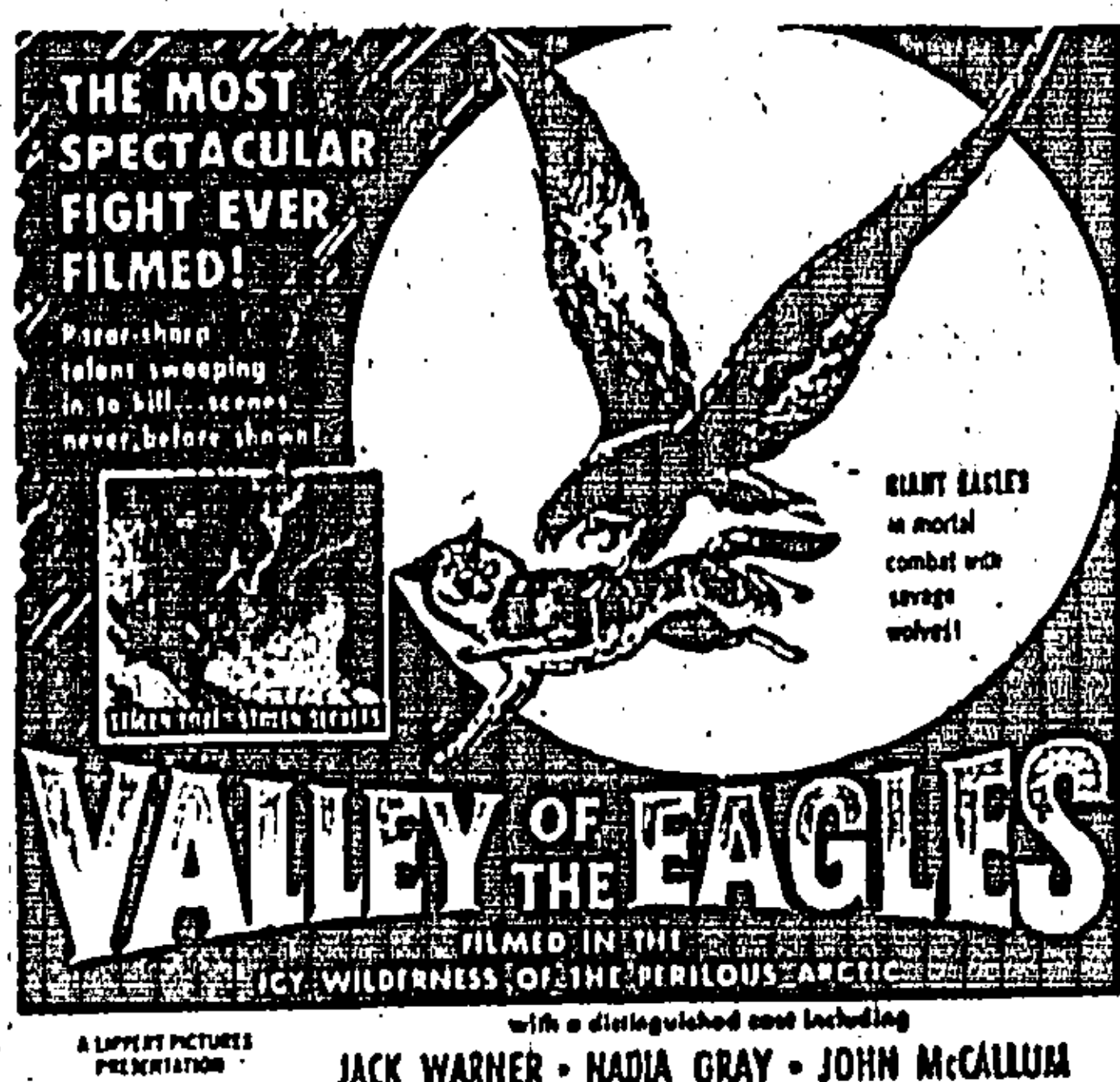
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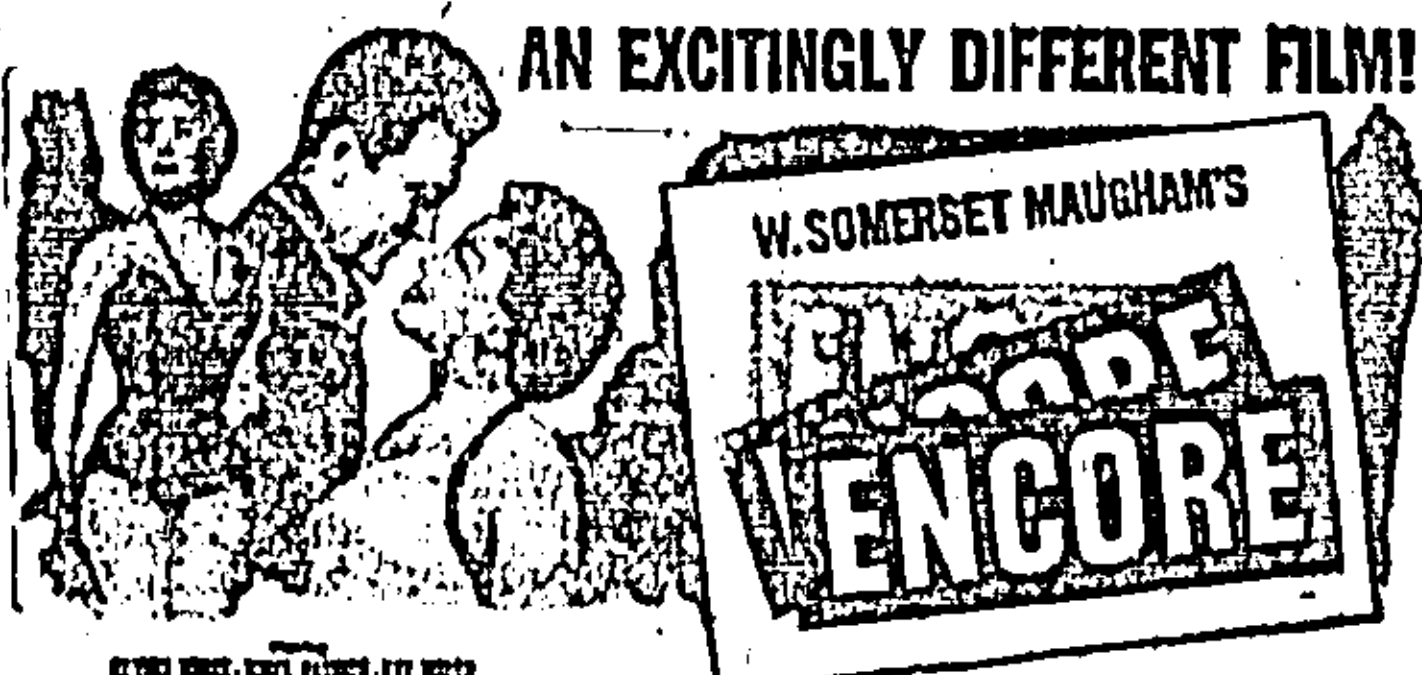
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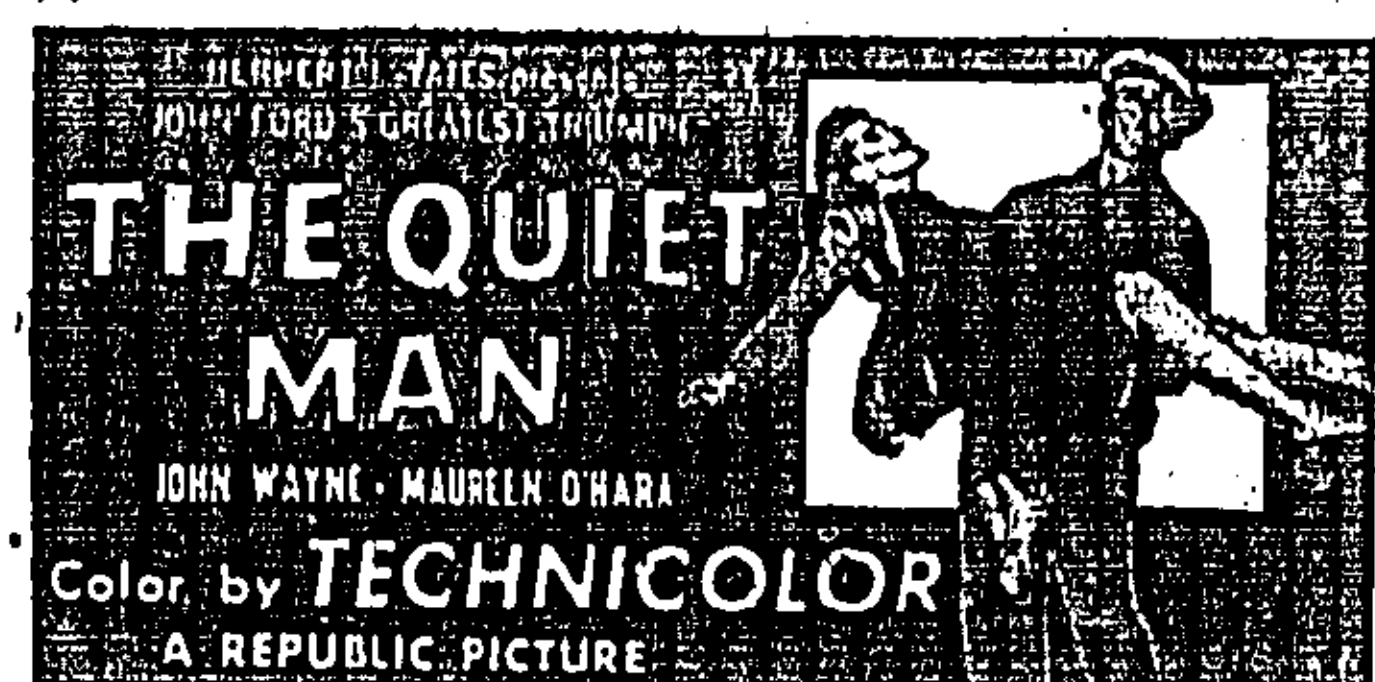
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U.S. Businessmen May Lead Demands For Freer Trade

New York, May 12.

Demands for freer world trade will be strongly supported and may even be led by United States delegates to the 14th biennial congress of the International Chamber of Commerce which is meeting in Vienna from May 18 to 23.

Needlework Cured Him

London, May 12.
A "violent, unmanageable" boy was induced to begin normal school work by first teaching him to sew, says a report by Mr Eric Sheward, headmaster of Nazeing Park (Middlesex) Special School.

The school was opened in February for maladjusted children—those who are of average or above average intelligence, but who, for various reasons, show anti-social behaviour.

Mr Sheward reports: "One boy, aged nine, had to be excluded from day schools as unmanageable, violent, unable to profit from school and having no attention span.

"He was gradually interested in sewing and was allowed to persist all day when he wished."

The boy was allowed to sew and draw for some months. As a result he became interested in more normal study and group activities. Now he is making a fair beginning in basic subjects.



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Mine Menace Causes Ferry Suspension

Tokyo, May 12.

The National Railways announced today they would suspend the night ferry services between Honshu, Japan's main island, and Hokkaido, northernmost island, from tonight until a round object, believed to be a floating mine, has been disposed of by a mine-sweeper.

A radar station yesterday reported the object was floating about a mile and a half from the Honshu coast on the ferry route.

The railway resumed the ferry service on April 5 for the first time since the Korea war began, because the number of mines sighted during recent months has been decreasing.

Mines which were found frequently during the early months of the war were believed to have floated from Communist minefields in North Korean waters.—Reuter.

STAMPS WILL EARN DOLLARS

London, May 12.

Mr R. G. Auckland, sub-postmaster at Sandridge (Herts) is earning dollars.

The dollars are pouring into his shop as the result of a news item in an American newspaper.

Mr. Auckland, secretary of a stamp club, offered to send commemorative Coronation envelopes bearing the new Coronation stamps, which will be issued on June 3, to any American philatelists who wanted them.

He estimates that the cost of six envelopes and stamps to be about a dollar. Any balance will be made up with English stamps at Mint value.

The envelopes he is preparing bear a photograph of the Queen and the words "Commemorating the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II."

They will be posted on June 3 and are intended to be kept by collectors as a philatelic souvenir.

Japanese Legations In Indo-China
Tokyo, May 12.
The Foreign Office announced today it would send an official to Saigon in the near future to arrange for the establishment of legations in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

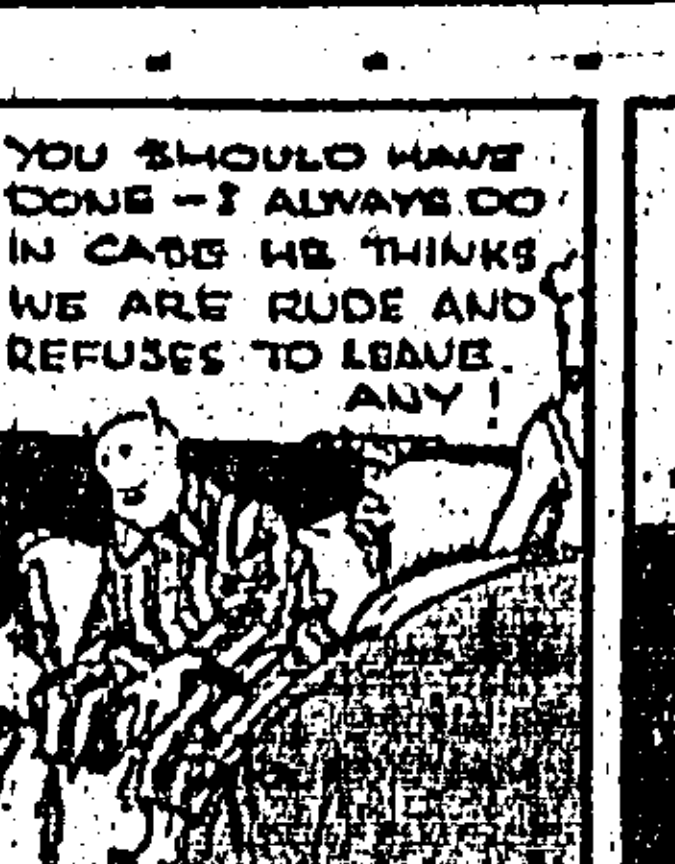
This official will be Shigehira Hirano, First Secretary of the Japanese Embassy in Bangkok.—Reuter.

Goat To Join The Army

A career with the Army lies ahead for Billy, one of the Zoo's Royal White goats, who was born in the Gardens three years ago.

The 5th Battalion Welch Regiment, stationed in Wales, need a new mascot. So their commanding officer, Lieut.-Colonel T. D. Fitzpatrick, MBE, visited the Zoo to select a goat. He chose Billy.

But before Billy can start his service career he has to be trained. The regimental goat-major will come to London shortly, and for a few weeks will exercise Billy on a lead in the grounds.



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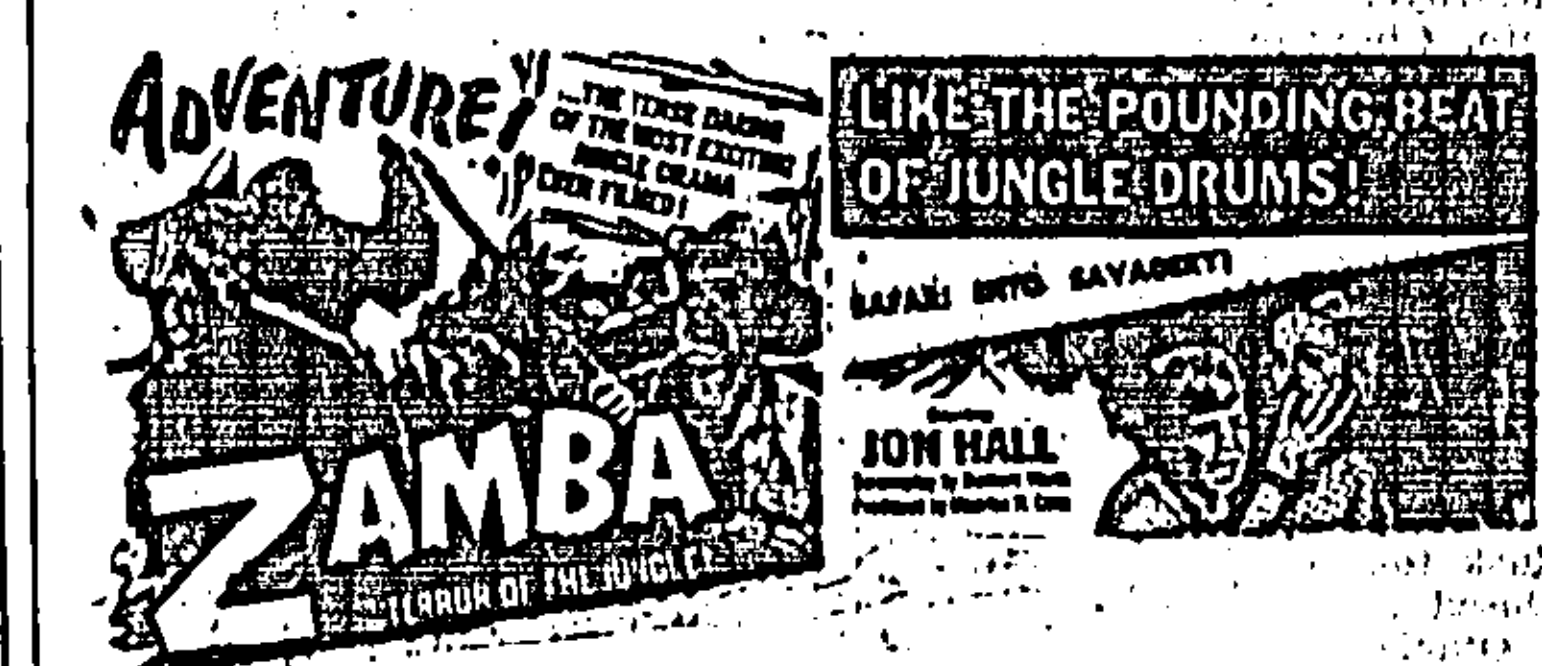


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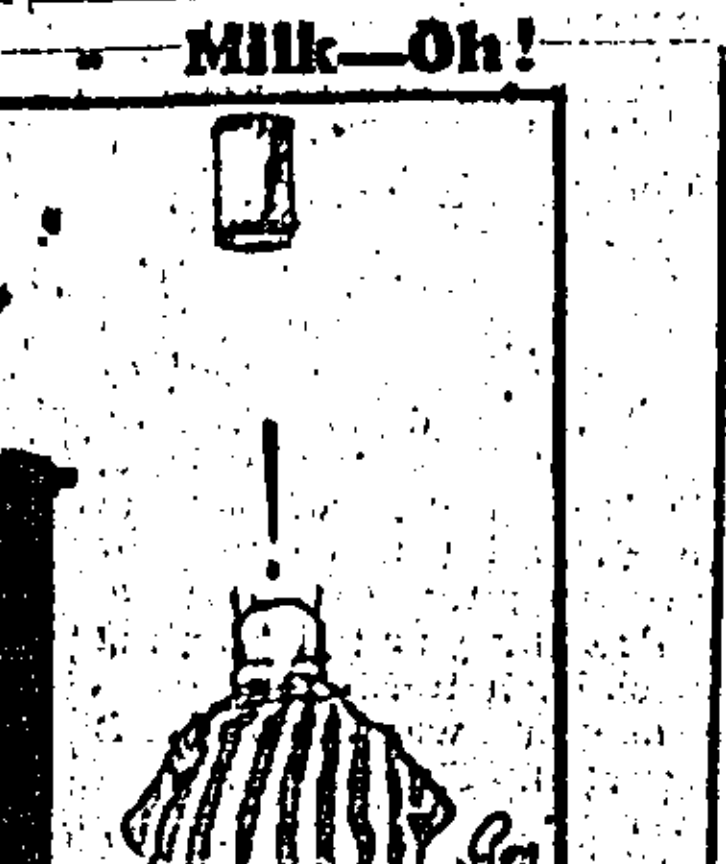
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Prince Charles Will See Queen Being Crowned In Abbey

ANNOUNCEMENT BY EARL MARSHAL

London, May 12. Prince Charles, four-year-old son and heir of Queen Elizabeth, will after all see his mother crowned in Westminster Abbey on June 2.

The Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, announced at a press conference today that the child prince will visit the Abbey "for a certain period" during the Coronation service.

"I do not want you to ask me all the details, because they have not been arranged," he added.

Commandos Sail From Malta

Valletta, May 12. Crowds lined the streets today as long convoys of Royal Marine Commandos marched from their barracks to the Grand Harbour area where men and vehicles were already being loaded into tank landing ships.

Others were reported to be loading into the heavy repair ship *Rampura*.

Further reports said the destroyers *Chequers*, *Chiffon*, *Chevron* and *Chester* had been diverted from a routine visit to the South Atlantic coast — it was believed to the Canal Zone.

With a Royal Marine Band on the packed deck playing "The Great Little Army", the tank landing ship *Dileppe* led units of the amphibious warfare squadron out of harbour at dusk tonight for an undisclosed destination.

Official Service sources had no comment to make on this general move, but the picture was thought here to be linked with the situation in the Canal Zone. — Reuter.

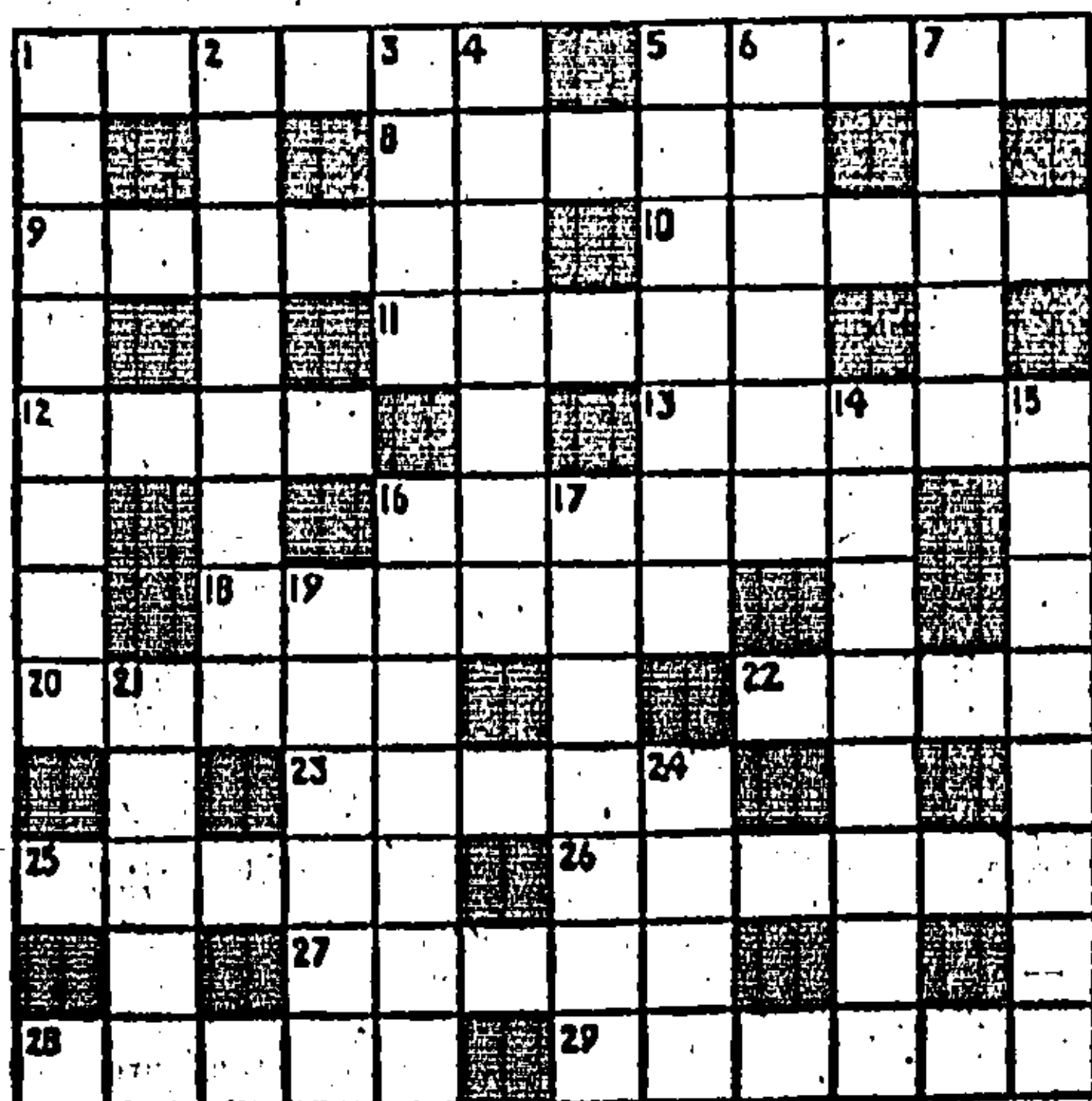
Gloomy Outlook For Exports

Calcutta, May 12. News that Japan might reduce her imports of Indian coal because of sterling shortage heaped gloom on the already depressed Indian export prospects.

Indian exports of coal over the past six months from this port—virtually the only port for the export of coal from India—registered a sharp decline and Indian officials were hoping that Japan would make up for the loss of business.

Japan was expected to buy as much as 700,000 tons in 1953. — United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Place of uproot (6).
 - Accelerate (5).
 - Snake (5).
 - Alarm call (6).
 - View (5).
 - Ventures (5).
 - Regret (4).
 - Cook (5).
 - Feel regret (6).
 - Sitting (6).
 - Exhausted (5).
 - Bundle (4).
 - Corpulent (5).
 - Dreadful (5).
 - Italian title (6).
 - Allude (6).
 - Liberalised (6).
 - Not often (6).
- DOWN**
- Wall support (8).
 - Lesson (8).
 - Greedy (4).
 - Mosque tower (7).
 - Cut apart (7).
 - Goal (3).
 - Scolds (5).
 - Reached (8).
 - Wire (8).
 - Flustered (7).
 - Reads (7).
 - Make certain of (6).
 - Might (5).
 - Wary (4).

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POWs Home From Korea



Some of the stretcher cases wait to be unloaded from the R.A.F. plane which took them home from Japan to Lymington, Wiltshire, after their release from Communist P.O.W. camps in North Korea. There were 22 men on this plane. — Central Press Photo.

Italy Trying To Regain Influence In Mediterranean

Rome, May 12.

Italian statesmen and traders are planning to offer the Arab countries an alternative to the influence of the great powers by helping them as a "disinterested ally."

As part of their programme, they have invited representatives of eight Arab States to a Mediterranean Congress at Bari towards the end of June.

Italian economists believe that their country can do much to modernise backward Arab nations by exchanging technical equipment for basic raw materials, such as oil.

There is the cold economic fact that the Arab States supplied 25 per cent of Italy's crude oil in 1952, exports worth \$161,000,000 (about £54,205,625).

But the Arabs remember a time when the Italians preferred conquest to courtship and they are different about the presence of Europeans on their territory, whether as soldiers or traders.

Now that Italy no longer has an empire in Africa, and has abandoned all colonial ambitions, she feels more confident of assuring the Arab States of her good faith.

Italy has 2,000,000 unemployed, many of them young technicians and skilled workers, whose energies might well be used in the development of the Arab States, where qualified technicians are at a premium.

COMMON FEAR

Italian business men have already begun commercial penetration of Arab territories, tendering for construction projects and negotiating trade agreements.

The activities of Italian oil companies in the Persian Gulf are another symptom of the movement. These activities are not officially recognised by the Italian government.

Egypt is the only Arab State whose exports to Italy come near to balancing her imports. The others offer a good market for Italian goods, but at present give little in return except oil.

Age-old differences between Catholic Italy and Islam are forgotten in the common fear of Soviet materialism. Those who most want closer co-operation between Italy and the Arab States prefer to think less in terms of Christian and more of Mediterranean culture, in which Islam has played an important historical part.

The Italians staged a Mediterranean Congress in Sicily in March, at which all the countries in Italy's position that the other two did not share.

Colonial ambitions and commercial exploitation were common to Britain, France and Italy, but there was one factor in Italy's position that the other two did not share.

There were commercial empires, required to make wealthy nations wealthier through the

investment of surplus capital. Italy's was a prestige empire. She could not hope to get much back except spartan grass from Libya, but her vast North African territories could absorb many colonists and support them at a level at least as high as they had known in their home country. For this reason the Italian colonisation of Libya was a success.

"GUIDES"

Though it could never restore Libya to its former status as the granary of ancient Rome, the hard work of Italian farmers on irrigation projects produced a flourishing colony of 250,000.

All but 45,000 have since returned, embittered, to Italy and many are still unemployed.

Those responsible for the new Italian movement, which claims to be non-imperialistic, see themselves as guides whose mission it is to bring about a revolution in Arab life with the full consent and co-operation of the Arabs themselves. This revolution would be economic, political and technological.

Deprived of their empire, the Italians hope to return to leadership in the Mediterranean.

It is now for the Arab States to decide whether that leadership would be only another form of imperialism maintained by capital interests in their countries, or a genuine alternative to the imperialism that they say the West practices and the East would like to impose. — Reuter.

25 FIRST AID POSTS IN ABBEY

London, May 12. Twenty-five first-aid posts will be manned in Westminster Abbey by Harley Street specialists, consultants, and leading doctors on Coronation Day.

The doctors, helped by nurses and St. John Ambulance men, will treat any fainting or fatigue cases among the 7,000 people in the Abbey throughout the five-hour wait and service.

Plans for this super first-aid team have been made by a committee headed by Sir Horace Evans, the Queen's physician.

Fans are being put in the Abbey to keep the air conditioned, but it is thought that the ordeal will be too great for some guests and they will need first-aid.

Westminster Hospital will be the base from which the 25 units will be supplied with equipment.

Sir Horace's task is similar to that carried out by Lord Dawson of Penn for the Coronation of King George VI.

Rubber "Buffer Pool"

Financing Methods Discussed

Copenhagen, May 12. The financing of a "buffer pool" provided for in a draft international rubber agreement now being discussed by the International Study Group here was understood to be the main topic of today's talks.

According to information leaking out from the closed sessions of the various committees it had been agreed that there must be a common unit of currency when the contributions of governments adhering to the agreement were to be calculated.

The Financial Committee was reported to have decided to use the United States dollar for this purpose.

It was said it had been agreed that contributions should be determined as a fixed sum per ton of natural rubber.

The delegations were said still to be disagreed as to whether contributions should be fixed in proportion to the signatory countries' net exports or net imports or to their production or consumption during the 1949-52 period which had been agreed upon as the basic period.

It was understood that the delegates of Britain, British colonial and dependent territories and some South-East Asiatic and European countries preferred an assessment based on net imports or net exports. The United States delegation was said to disagree.

NOT UNWILLING

Pointing to the fact that some governments have accumulated considerable non-commercial stocks during the 1949-52 period the United States delegation would prefer a calculation based on net imports for consumption.

According to available information the United States would not be unwilling to discuss an alternative, basing the contributions of producing countries on net exports and those of consuming countries on gross imports.

Also the method by which the contributions should be paid was said to have caused disagreement between the United States delegation and those from soft currency countries. It was understood that the Financial Committee had decided that a maximum of 75 per cent of the payment could be made in non-transferable, non-interest bearing notes to be deposited with the proposed International Rubber Council.

As for the remainder of the payment delegates of soft currency countries outside the sterling area are reported to have proposed to let this in part take the form of a confirmed irrevocable credit instead of cash.

An atmosphere of cautious optimism was noted among delegates from natural rubber producing areas due to the long term prospects of the supply and demand situation.

South-East Asiatic delegates who refused to be quoted by name said that the findings of the group's Statistical Committee indicated a less adverse development than generally foreseen. They stressed, however, that the short term prospects gave no reason for optimism.

BIG DEFICIT

These delegates said that according to the Committee's conservative estimates a 30,000 tons (long tons) deficit of natural rubber would develop by 1957, and this deficit would increase to 90,000 tons in 1958. This was based on the assumption that the United States consumption would be divided as to 40 per cent natural and 60 per cent synthetic rubber.

The actual United States consumption in 1953 was officially estimated at 38 per cent of 400,000 tons natural rubber.

More optimistic estimates, however, worked out by the Statistical Committee forecast a natural rubber deficit of 175,000 tons in 1957 and 240,000 tons in 1958. This development was foreseen in case the United States consumption is divided equally between natural and synthetic rubber.

The conservative estimates were based mainly on the official United States estimates according to which the production of natural rubber would remain at the present level of 1,700,000 tons a year whereas the total production of synthetic rubber would rise from 880,000 tons in 1953 to 1,140,000 tons in 1957 and 1958.

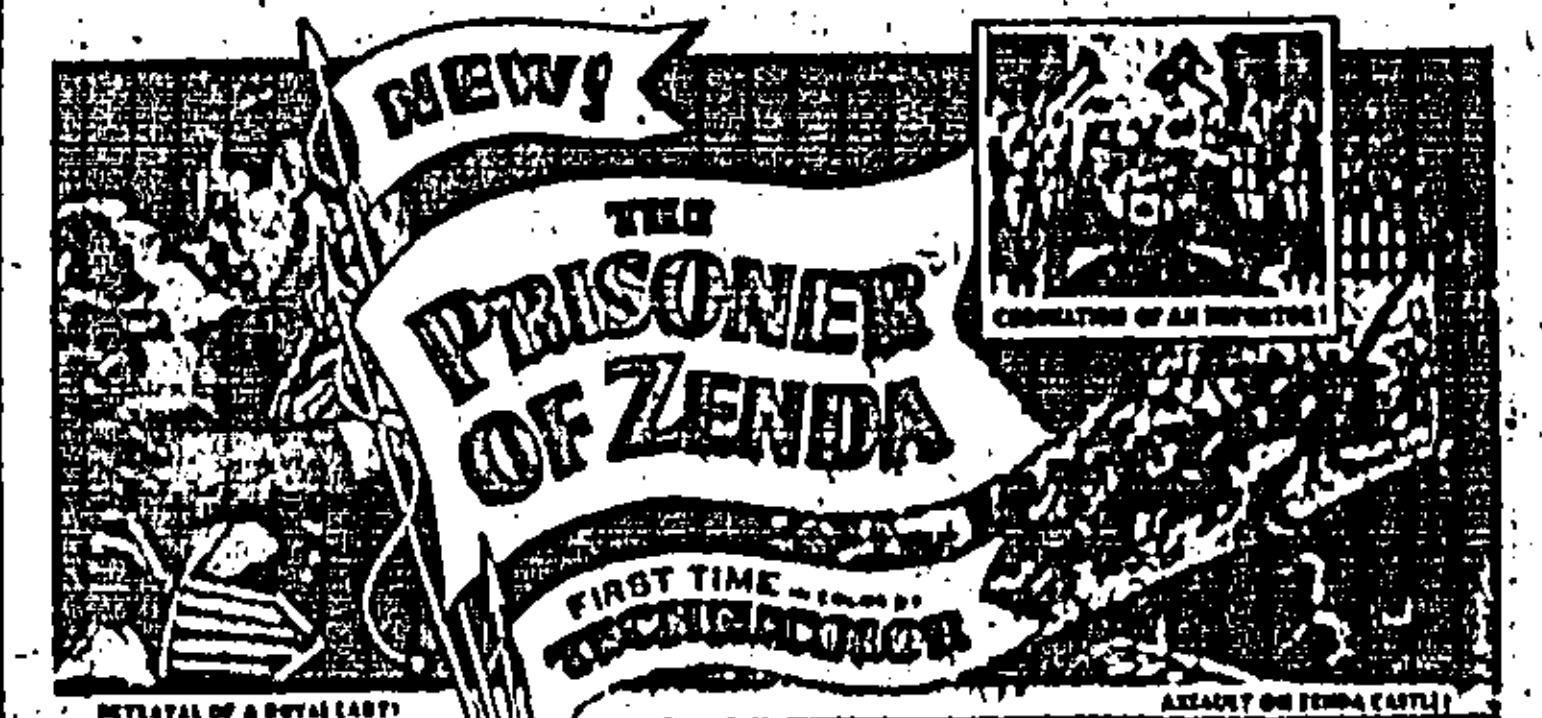
The total consumption of natural rubber, according to these conservative forecasts, would increase from 1,810,000 tons in 1953 to 1,730,000 tons in 1957 and 1,700,000 tons in 1958. The consumption of synthetic rubber would rise from 800,000 tons in 1953 to 975,000 tons in 1957 and 1,010,000 tons in 1958. — United Press.

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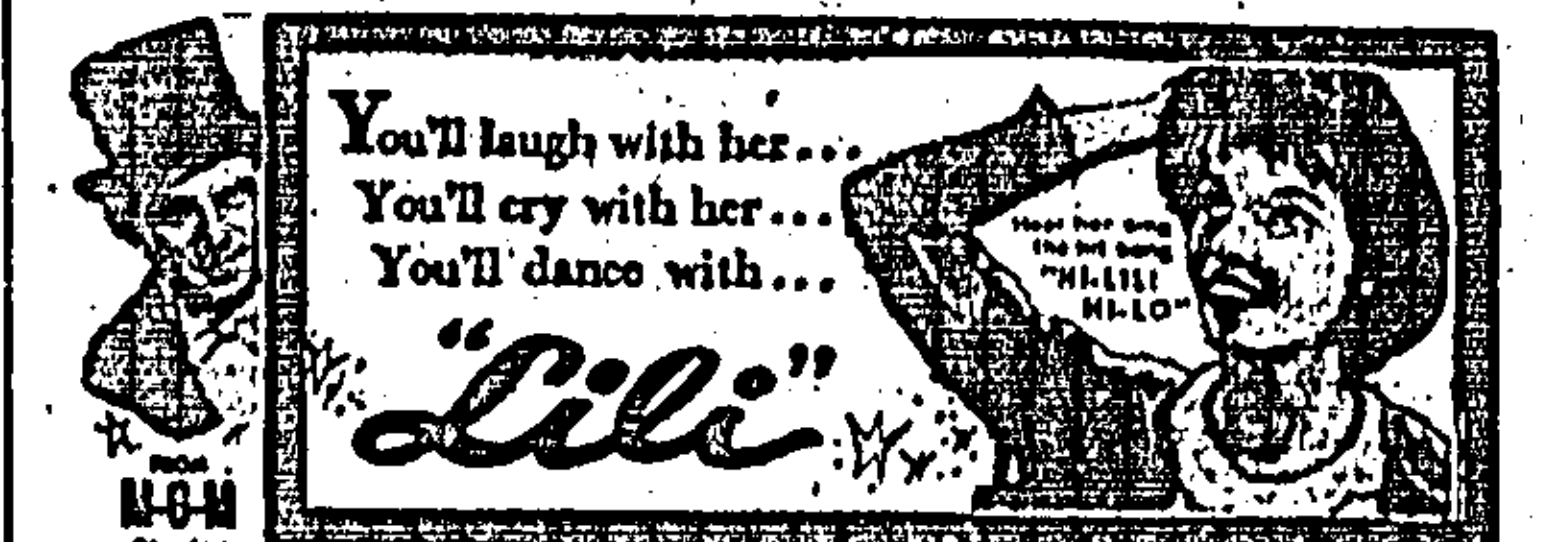
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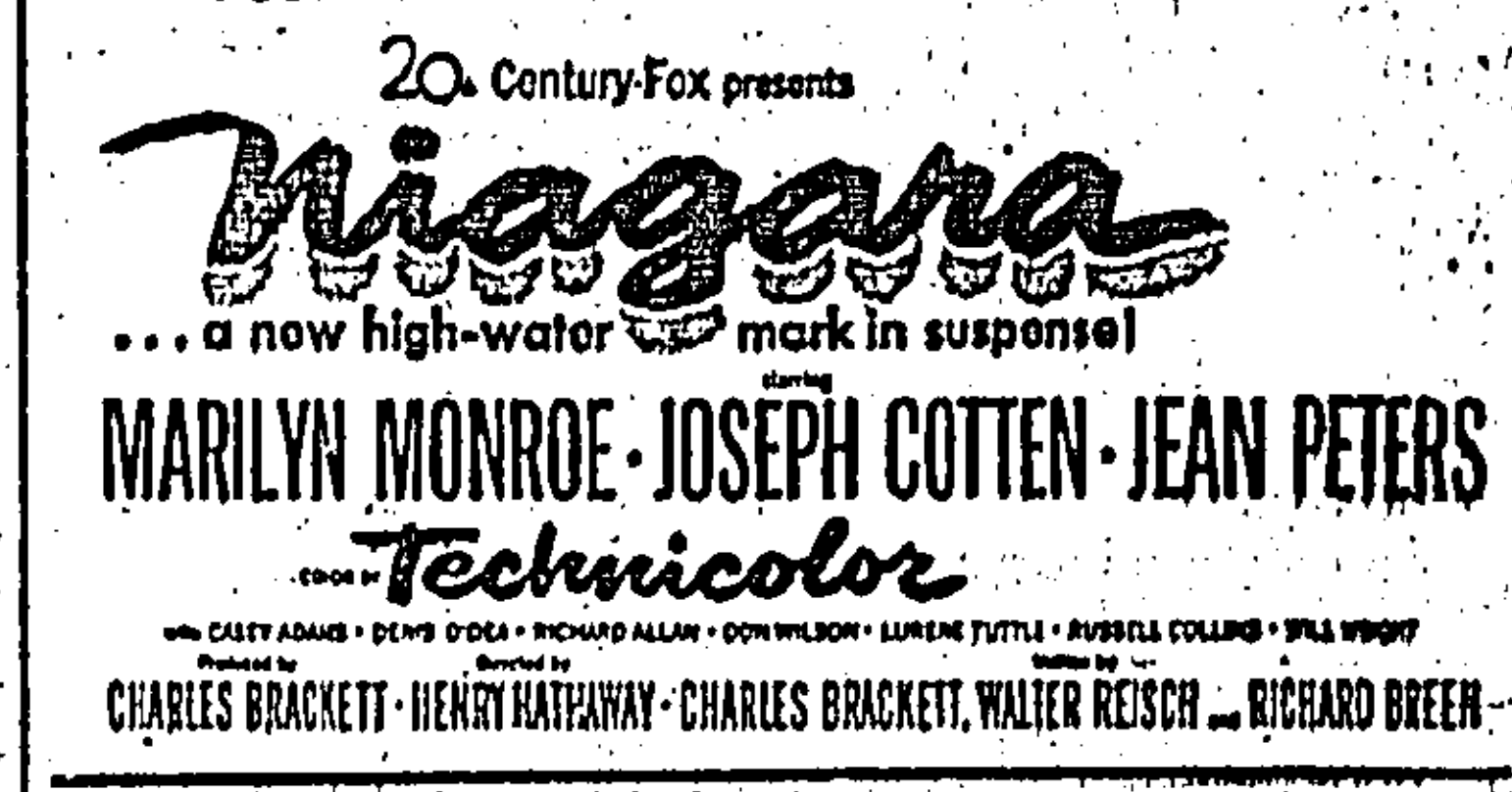


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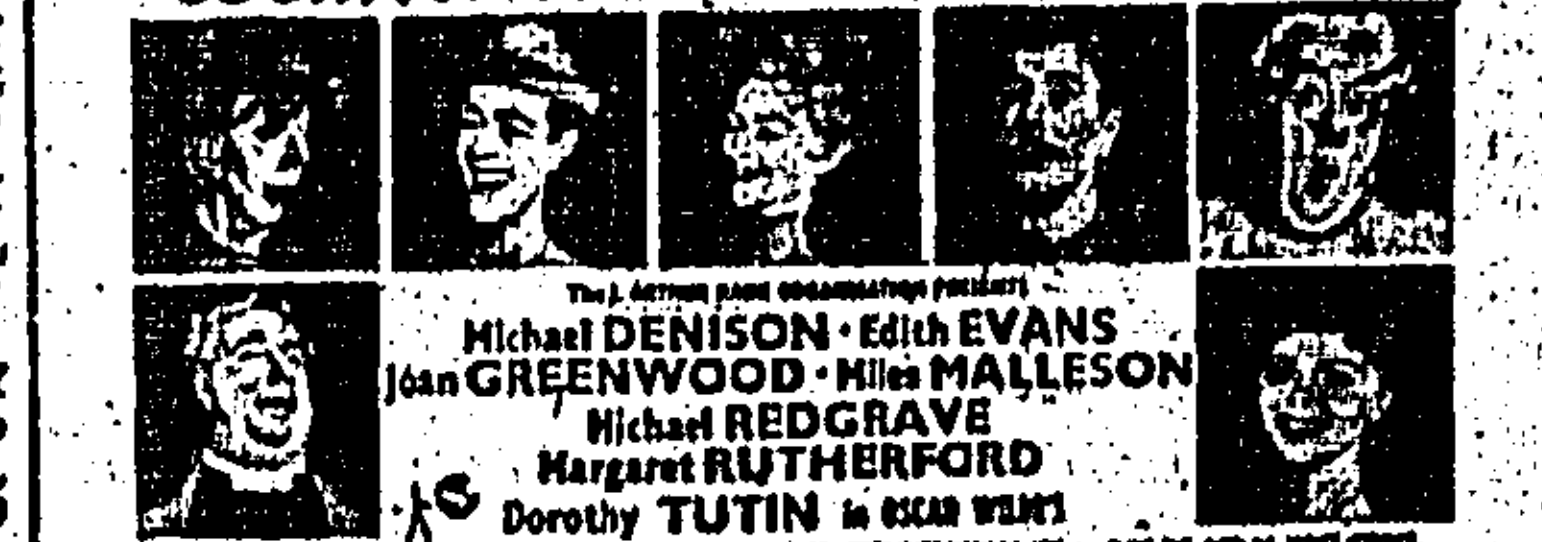


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ENDED AN ERA...

By R. M. MacCOLL

THE loss of the Jockey Club, burned down by a mob last month, marked the end of an era in the city of Buenos Aires.

Peron called the place "the headquarters of the oligarchs." Many of the members were educated in Britain and "were more English than the English."

So I went to see the club's president to find out what the Jockey Club meant to the people of the Argentine.

Horacio Bullrich, scion of a great and wealthy family, is handsome and forthright.

"That fire still seems unbelievable," he said.

He studied a glossy, illustrated magazine entitled Jockey Club, started only last October, and due to come out twice yearly.

Treasures - ruined

NOW? Mr. Bullrich shrugged, but his eyes glistened with tears. "We little thought that this would become a precious memento."

He turned the pages and showed me photographs of the club's superb public rooms, now for the most part blackened ruins.

He pointed to reproductions of "The Idiot's Wedding" and "Procession Interrupted By Rain," two of the pictures by the Spanish Goya which were the club's special pride. They are ashes now.

He turned to a picture of the famous grand staircase, at its top the statue of Diana by the French sculptor Falguieres.

Diana was toppled from her pedestal by the mob and sent crashing to destruction.

A passage of an article in English on "The social significance of the Jockey Club" took on a strange irony.

It read: "The clubhouse is a centre of amiable expansion and cultivated communication among men from all walks of life."

"It is a neutral field to conciliate opposing ideas and activities, as a synthesis, growing vaster every day, of the spiritual peculiarities of the country."

Money saved

WHAT has been saved from the wreck? The superb general library, one of the finest in the Western hemisphere, is 80 percent intact. A second library dealing with the history of the

track and horse-breeding, is heavily damaged.

The walls fell in on it and it is not yet known what can be saved.

The club's massive safe resisted the fire. Inside were 5,000,000 pesos (£125,000) in notes, ready for the week-end's racing.

And inside, too, was the club's irreplaceable stud book, safe and sound.

The remnants of the club premises are still in the hands of the authorities, which sequestered them the day after the fire.

When they are finally handed back, an extraordinary general meeting of the club's 5,000 members and associates will be called to decide on the future.

We'll rebuild

THE Jockey Club members will probably rally round. In order to put up the old building, completed in 1897, the members made themselves responsible for a large loan. Although things are not so lush today, there is still immense wealth among the cattlebreeders and others.

And the club is a tenuous institution. Some time back the Peronist city council tried to nationalise it, suddenly issued permits to street fish sellers allowing them to set up stalls immediately beneath the club's windows.

It was summer and the members could no longer keep the windows open. After a week of this the members started buying up the entire stock of fish the sellers closed their stalls and went home happy for the day.

Then the sellers were ordered to double and treble the quantity of their stocks. Still the club bought everything.

Then one day the club refused to buy any fish at all. The sellers were abruptly left with staggering stocks on their hands. The stalls quietly vanished.

London. PRINCE AKIHIRO of Japan, the Crown Prince, is being made welcome to London by the Government and the British Royal Family for reasons of the highest policy.

It is the second visit in recent months which has constituted a high act of state out of tune to some extent at least with public sentiment. (Marshal Tito's visit was the first). For it is not easy to reconcile the British public to a simple resumption of former cordialities after the experience of many British and Commonwealth forces, let alone Americans, in the Far East during World War II.

In the extended arena of the Pacific Ocean, however, issues are being raised and political forces are at work, which Great Britain dare not ignore. Indeed, whatever a slow-moving public

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"It certainly is very hard lines on Frau Thyssen getting all those shares back just when she's threat of peace is depressing the market."

Behind A Queen's Brave Smile Lie Secret Fears

From CONRAD PALLENBERG

WHAT is Queen Soraya, wife of the Shah of Persia, doing in Rome?

Officially she is here for health reasons, and judging from appearance, she is leading the life of a carefree society lady who

divides her time between the half-dresser, the dressmaker and smart gatherings.

But the truth is quite different. The beautiful Queen is a tense, worried woman who hides behind a brave smile an unrelenting sense of fear.

She fears that something serious might happen to her husband in Teheran, and she only hopes that he will be able to join her soon, even if he has to lose his throne.

She has revealed to close friends in Rome the true and dramatic story of her trip to Europe.

For a long time, differences between Premier Mossadegh and the Shah had been paralysing Persia's political life. Exhausted by Mossadegh's manoeuvres, the Shah, for the good of his country, had given in and decided to quit secretly.

A few days before the February 28 crisis arose, Mossadegh knew of this plan. The Shah and his Queen had obtained visas for Iraq and Spain, and planned to drive by car to Iraq.

They packed only a few things as they knew their luggage would be searched at the frontier.

Mossadegh had arranged for a strict censorship on all press messages, and the news of the Shah's departure would have been broken only after he had reached Iraq.

The Shah's youngest brother, Prince Reza, would have headed the Regency Council.

To complete preparations, 11,000 dollars (approx. 23,928) were transferred abroad and put at the Shah's disposal.

Not even the powerful religious leader, Kashani, who has spies everywhere, knew of this secret plan.

But when they were about to start on their journey, a terrifying snowstorm broke on the mountains and the road to Iraq was blocked.

The Shah then booked seats on a Constellation going to Geneva and applied for a Swiss visa.

The secret was no longer a secret.

Kashani heard about it and to fool his rival, Mossadegh, he wrote an open letter to the Shah begging him to stay, or, in the meantime, to join the bloody street riots of February 28.

The Shah remained in Teheran—a prisoner of his own supporters and of the fanatical Moslem leaders.

Queen Soraya is accompanied by her mother, and last week her father, who is the Persian Ambassador in Rome, came from Germany to see her.

The Chief of Ceremonial, of the Persian Guard, Garagolou, and his wife, Sadika, are also with her.

Sadika, a beautiful Egyptian girl who dyes her hair snow white, is the financial brain of the party and looks after her money.

But he knows that the day of a final showdown with Mossadegh is approaching.

As Persian politics are made not only of parliamentary votes, but also of enraged mobs, bullets and knives, the Shah had begged Queen Soraya to go to Europe.

He told her he was going to face the storm alone and that he would feel more confident and more free in his moves if he knew that his wife was safe abroad.

She did not want to leave him but finally gave in.

Now she is anxiously waiting for news from Persia. She hopes that either the Shah will win and then she will be able to return to him, or that he will manage to join her in exile.

So far she has been having a rather horsey time in Italy.



Queen Soraya arrives at Rome's Ciampino Airport.

GLANCE BACK TO AN OLD ALLIANCE

By Patrick Maitland, M.P.

opinion may believe, it is the Government's manifest duty to see further than the animosities of recent years and the tensions of the present. That is the example of Foreign Minister Canning, to which the leading figures in Sir Winston Churchill's Administration look constantly for inspiration.

There have been intelligence reports deriving both from Russia and from China to explain why the USSR has at no time intervened overtly, with Soviet troops, in the war in Korea.

Aside from considerations of diplomacy, a strategic reason is given. The mere conquest of Korea by the Asian mainland would achieve nothing in the effort to expel American influence so long as the United States retained a strong foothold in Japan.

Furthermore, abundant testimony from Communist Party sources in different parts of Asia suggests that the political seduction of Japan, long process though that must be, lies high

upon the programme of the Cominform organisation.

A peace in Korea, should that be achieved, would make a severe impact upon the Japanese economy; it would reduce American military buying and intensify the country's dollar crisis. That, in turn, would stimulate the already widespread inclination in business circles to resume full-scale trade with China.

Questions and answers in the House of Commons have been illuminating in that regard. It emerges that in the first three months of this year British trade with Red China has been more than ten times its value in the same period last year.

The Secretary for Overseas Trade has added that, subject to the embargo on strategic supplies, Britain would be happy to see the trade grow bigger still; indeed, it was only Chinese obstruction that prevented this.

Such developments may not be to the taste of the United States, particularly of the traditional China Lobby of the Republican

Party. One way and another, Britain would be anxious to improve relations with China and enter that market, she would have no objection to Japan doing the same.

For the current appraisal in Whitehall does not recognise either Germany or Japan as the menace that they both represented after the First World War. To the contrary, in a world of constantly changing strengths and vitalities, Sir Winston Churchill has made it abundantly clear that he welcomes German association with the Atlantic Community.

Likewise, the welcome given to the Japanese Crown Prince is intended to demonstrate an official desire for Japanese friendship against the rising tide of expansionism from China that is threatening its tentacles down to Southeast Asia, just where the Japanese went before.

Such thoughts involve a nostalgic glance at the British-Japanese Alliance before the

First World War. After it, in the early 'twenties, it was the joint pressure of the United States and Canada which induced Britain not to renew the alliance.

The naval armaments race followed, and the Japanese invasion of the Chinese Republic of the Chiang Kai-shek and Soong dynasty, which later events have shown was less stable and much less democratic, than leftist enthusiasm in Europe imagined.

Nostalgic reminiscences of this kind pose the question whether it was in the best interest of Canada, the United States or of Great Britain to allow the British-Japanese Alliance to lapse.

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ON BRIDGENever Open Trump
In This Position

NORTH 11	
♠ KQ1074	
♥ 1053	
♦ None	
♣ KQJ2	
WEST	
♠ 85	
♥ 842	
♦ 8542	
♣ A973	
EAST	
♠ A632	
♥ 1073	
♦ 10534	
♣ 8	
SOUTH (D)	
♠ J6	
♥ AKQJ7	
♦ AKQJ6	
♣ 8	
East-West vul.	
South	West
♠ Pass	♠ Pass
♥ Pass	♥ Pass
♦ Pass	♦ Pass
♣ Pass	♣ Pass
Opening lead—♥ 2	

BY OSWALD JACOBY

HAND No. 3 of the recent World Championship Match between American and Sweden was one of the most interesting of the entire 250-board match. In both rooms a pair of world famous experts got to a small slam contract when the hand was off two aces.

Just in case you are puzzled by the beginning of the bidding shown with today's hand, I should explain that the players on the American team use a weak opening two bid. When they want to make an opening forcing bid, they must bid two clubs regardless of whether or not they have a real club suit.

In this case, South opened with two clubs to show the strength of his hand, and later showed that his real length was in hearts and diamonds. I cannot argue with success, since Howard Schenken, the declarer in the "closed" room, actually made his unsound slam contract.

West was misguided enough to open a trump against declarer's small slam contract in hearts. Schenken thereupon drew three rounds of trumps, discarded all of dummy's clubs on his top diamonds, and then gave up one spade trick. Dummy made the rest of the tricks with good spades and a trump.

In the "open" room, in front of an audience of bridge enthusiasts, the Swedish declarer went down ingloriously at his slam contract. Johnny Crawford, defending for America, opened the ace of clubs and then switched to spades to let his partner take the ace of spades.

I would not bother to report this sort of hand, even though it is spectacular, except for the fact that a very valuable lesson can be derived from it. It is almost never good policy to open a trump against a slam contract. Such an opening lead gives control of the hand immediately to declarer and allows him to develop the hand in the way that pleases him best.

It may be sound play to open a trump against a small slam contract when you know that every suit will break badly for declarer. In such a case you may realize that declarer must allow for a cross ruff, and every defensive trump lead will then save a trick. In all other situations, however, it is poor policy to open a trump and thus surrender your defence to the declarer.

CARD GAMES

Q—The bidding has been: South, West, North, East 1 Diamond Pass 1 Heart Pass 2. You, South, hold: Spades A-Q-9, Hearts 7-3, Diamonds A-K-Q-7, Clubs A-K-J-8. What do you do?

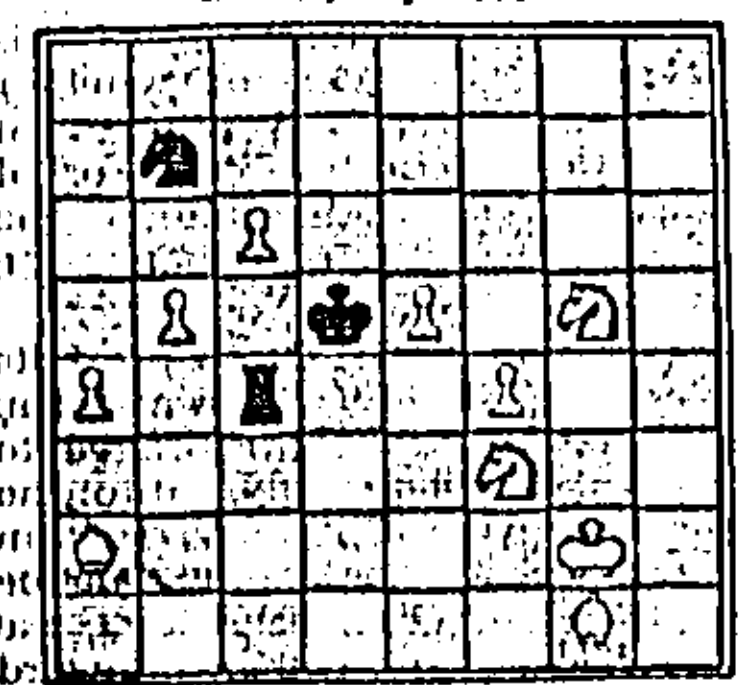
A—Bid three no-trump. With 23 points in high cards you are willing to bid a game opposite the (weakest possible) responding hand. If your partner has about 6 points, and a heart stopper you should have some reasonable play for game.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spade 2, Hearts J-7-3, Diamonds A-K-Q-7-9-8, Clubs A-K-J. What do you do?

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. CASA

Black, 3 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. R. (R4)—Q4, any; 2. Q, R, B, or K5 mate.

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

A MAN has been refused a licence to "sell herrings from a bicycle" at a seaside town. I understand why. If one person does this, everybody starts to do it.

Crowd of herring-sellers sweep along the sea front, overflowing the sidewalks, blocking the traffic, and throwing the life of the town into chaos. They push their bicycles into the expensive hotels, crowd the lifts, fill the corridors and disorganise the business and social life. Fish gets spoiled all over the floors and staircases, and guests slip and fall. Old people catch their feet and arms in the bicycles, and are lost, voices raised, and fish is thrown about. Cats dash out of corners and add to the confusion, and the hotel staff, shouting orders, adds to the clamour of the herring-sellers.

A lady or gentleman, struck in the face by an icy-hung herring, holds the management responsible. Attempts to collect and stack the bicycles are always resisted by the herring-sellers. The notice which says "Bicycles Are Not Allowed in this town" is ignored, and the more enterprising herring-sellers even enter bedrooms and sitting-rooms. In the dining-rooms everything seems to smell of herring, and the waiters

remove their boots, so as to walk more accurately on the fish-smeared floor. In the billiard-room players flounder, and the cloth is tipped to bits, and in the smoking-room connoisseurs remove bits of herring from their brandy with fingers that tremble with rage. Abandoned bicycles, covered with fish, wedge the swing-doors. The police cannot get in to eject the intruders.

As dusk falls, the smell becomes intolerable. There are collisions with herring-sellers who have no rear-lights, and sleepy guests, abandoning the attempt to reach their bedrooms through the snoring crowd in every corridor, camp out with fish-smeared rugs in the lounge. Now and then a herring falls from a wall or ceiling, and the herring-sellers, pushing their broken bicycles across the vestibule, find the exit blocked by sleeping guests, wheelbarrows, baskets and shouting members of the hotel staff. Cats who have overcast blunder about in search of dainty fragments, and late arrivals imagine they have come to a fish-market run by lunatics. Finally the fire-brigade has to smash its way in through the wedged bicycles. The floors are lured, and many a sleeper is awakened by a cold douche of fish-dripping water.

No wonder that licence was refused.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

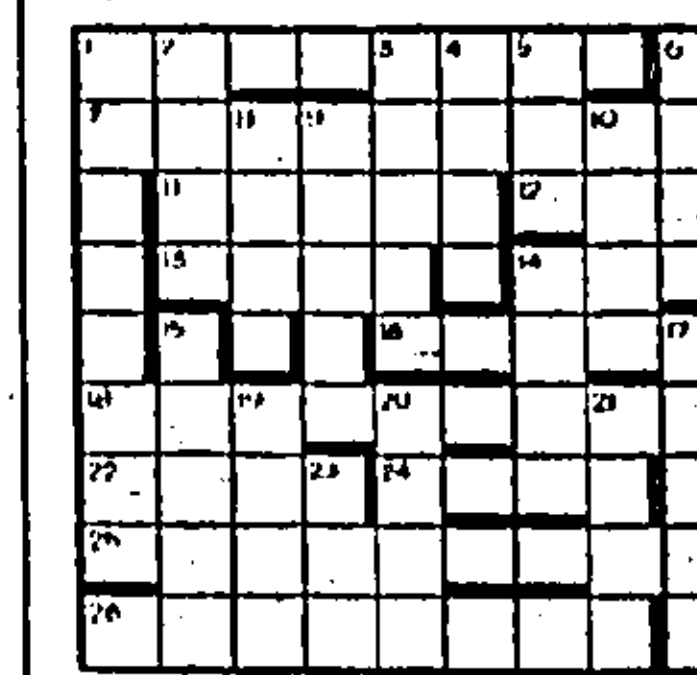
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

BORN today, the stars have given you a natural ability far beyond the average. But it is up to you to develop these talents wisely. You have a fine mind, but you are more inclined to use your emotion when it comes to making decisions than your mature judgment. You are very fond of comfort and luxury, and you are very vain. You do not have the little luxuries of life. This is, perhaps, more true than you realize. You are a very vain person, being fond of good foods and wines, must watch the diet. Otherwise, the winning game of control around middle age. Cultivate enough self-control to be able to say "no" to that "second piece of cake."

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Solve a problem for yourself with the aid of your own intellect. It is better by being self-reliant at this point.
GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—If at all possible, get outdoors in the fresh air. It will refresh your mind and give you a new perspective.
CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Be very careful not to make a hasty decision on a matter of great importance. Use your best judgment.
LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If you need to relax your mind, read a book. It will help you find that... it helps... a great deal.
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—This is a moment when heeding the advice of an expert, no matter how small the reward, further your objective.
LIMA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If you have been postponing a decision, now is the time to make up your mind, once and for all, what to do.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—You may be impatient at the slow progress of things, but rush them. Better for you to take your time.
AGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If your ideas are practical, this is the day to get them into production. Present them to the public.

THURSDAY, MAY 14
CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Be very careful of your money. Do not let others or you may find they are making serious mistakes.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If you find life dull, seek out fresh companions who can stimulate your mind and your imagination.
PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Take no chances. Be conservative, be very practical; develop your ideas constructively.
ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—You may find that there is a meeting of minds among a group of like-minded friends whom you have met today.

CROSSWORD



Across
1. There's a snail round Toni. (8)
2. Disappointed but for a horse? (5)
3. Start of a drive. (3)
4. Wire must be thin for walkers. (7)
5. A warning sky. (3)
6. A star or (sag.) (9)
7. Cat's paw. (4)
8. Part song, sung only. (6)
9. Free from superstition. (9)
10. Deal step (sag.). (8)

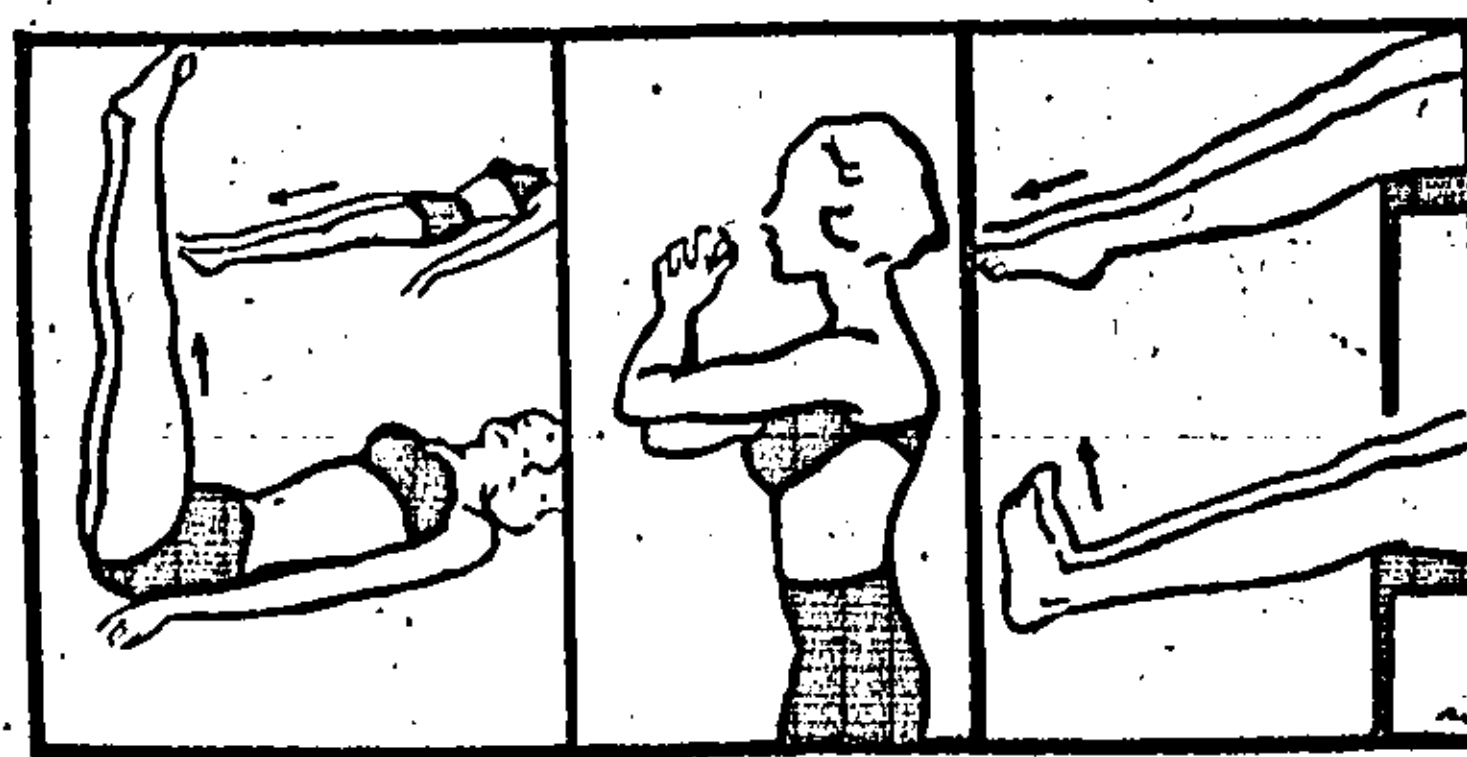
Down
1. Q, tin date (sag.). (8)
2. Sea taste. (4)
3. Objectionable. (5)
4. Just a little but later. (6)
5. I do this on a committee. (3)
6. Bury this, then reap. (4)
7. Dangerous hop. (4)
8. Worse luck than one deserves. (8)
9. A warning sky. (3)
10. A star or (sag.) (9)
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WHAT'S HIS LINE?
RING E. RUSSEL
Re-arrange the letters to spell his occupation.
(Solution on Page 10)

WOMANSENSE

WAKE UP—AND LIVE!

And here is our Exercise Girl with another exercise to put you on top of the world.



1. Tummy Tightener. Lie on your back, tummy pulled in, legs up at right angles to floor. Slowly bring legs down again.
2. For bust uplift. Either stand or sit for this one. Elbows at shoulder level, tummy well in. Clench heels of hands together sharply at chin level. Ten times. Rest, repeat.
3. Sit down. Legs together slightly off the ground. Point toes as hard as possible, then turn feet up. Twenty times, really hard.

KEEP FIT—LIKE THIS

THAT crumpled-up-in-the-middle look adds years to you. Today Exercise Girl, Yvonne Marsh, who appears in the new film "Street Corner," shows you how to stretch and loosen your waist-line with the "Rock and Roll" exercise. Feet slightly apart, relax forward from the waist, head flopped right down. Now, roll from the waist to the left side, then, in a huge circle, up to the back and round to the right side and home to the first position. Repeat other side!

MORE TOMORROW

MASSAGE FOR DOUBLE CHIN

After the nightly face washing, which should include a warm rinsing, and then a cold one, spread on a heavy massage cream. Work upward from the collarbone, using flattened fingers from chin tip to ear lobes. Then, with finger and thumb pick up that loose flesh and roll it firmly. Fat cells can be crushed that way. After five or ten minutes, frisk an ice cube over the area. If a chin strap is worn it should hold a piece of gauze that has been dipped in cold astringent.

The cause of double chins is too keen an interest in good groceries that contain fat-forming elements. One should cut down on fried foods, rich sauces, cream, butter and pastries. That extra chin never bothers slim girls.

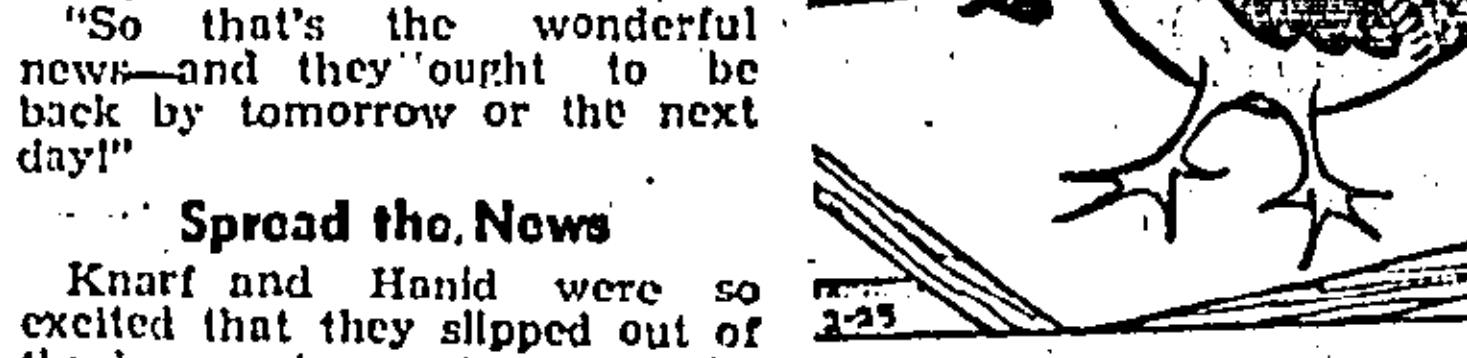
It is a good idea to tone and strengthen the muscles of the neck. That can be done by clasping the hands at the nape line, turning the head from side to side, keeping the hands firmly placed, and pulling hard on the fibres.

Keep your head on the level. Letting it fall forward permits the muscles to relax and, in time, they become flabby. Fat cells will not reside on firm muscles. They are looking for soft, quiet spots and no disturbances.

Cold water—it's a tonic and an astringent—should be applied freely several times a day. Using dark powder on the underling chin will throw it into a shadow, minimise it.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE
A Welcome For The Robins
—They've Been Down South All Winter, You Know—
By MAX TRELL

CHIRP Sparrow flew to the window sill and started calling out in a loud voice: "Hand, Knarf!"

Now, Chirp Sparrow never came to the window sill and called for anyone unless he had some very important news to announce. Hand and Knarf, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, knew this very well. At the first sound of Sparrow's voice, they ran to the open window.

"Great news! Wonderful news! I just got a letter!"
From Whom?
"A letter?" asked Hand.
"From whom, Chirp?"
"From Rob-Red Robin and Roberta-Red Robin! They're coming back from the South where they've been all winter. The letter was written on a maple leaf. It blew into my nest this morning with the first South Wind Al. I can remember it by heart. This is what it said:

"Dear Chirp, Our winter vacation is over. We are going to arrive back home in time for the violets, the crocuses and the apple blossoms. We have everything ready (but we're not carrying anything heavier than feathers), and we're leaving the first thing in the morning. See you all soon. Love, R-R and R-R."

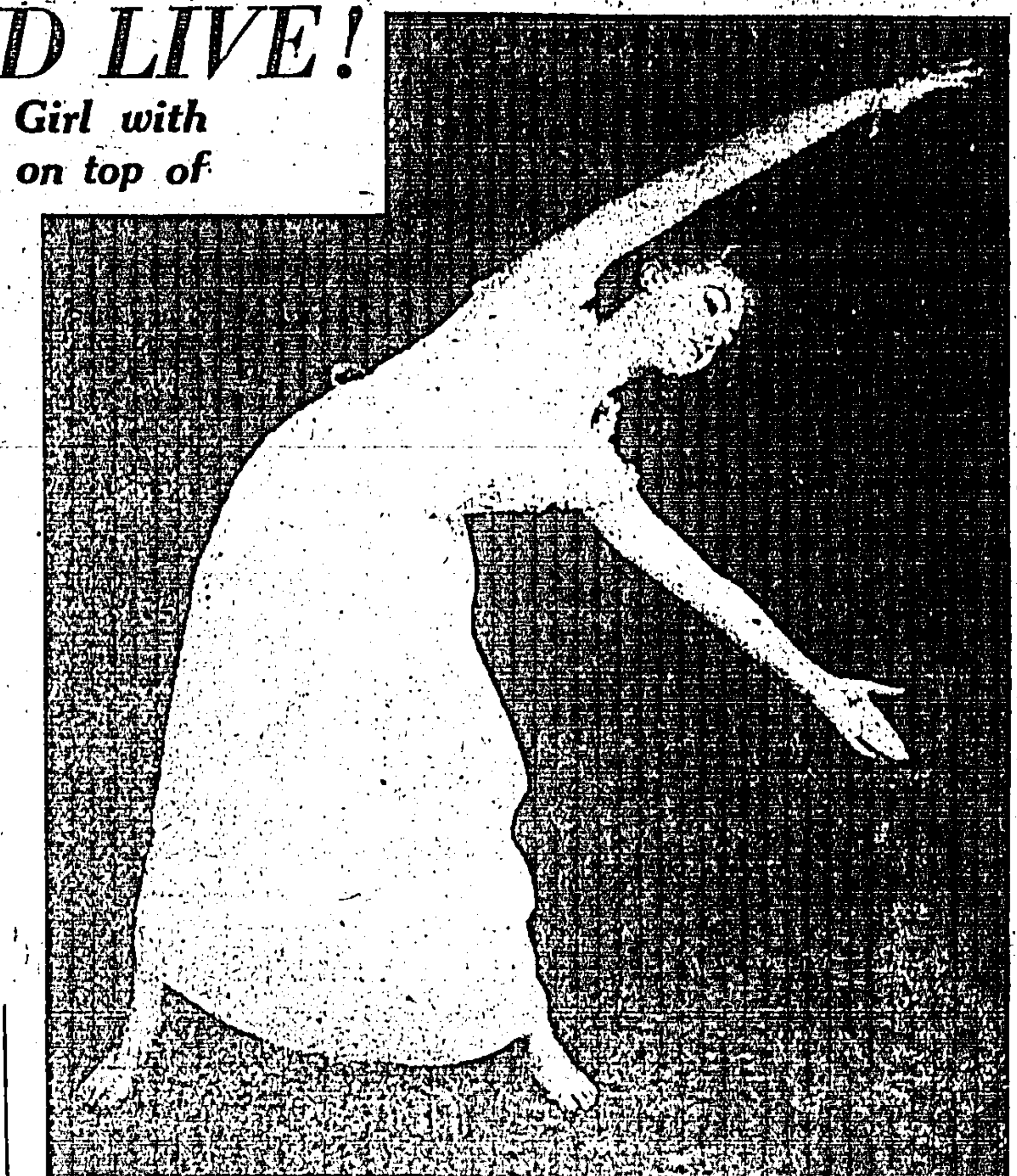
"So that's the wonderful news—and they ought to be back by tomorrow or the next day!"

Spread the News
Knarf and Hand were so excited that they slipped out of the house at once to spread the news about the garden. Knarf had an idea. He said to Hand as they ran down the garden path: "Let's get everyone to stand under the oak tree where the Robins have their nest, and when they come back, we'll all be there to welcome them!"

Hand thought this was a very cheerful idea. So did Squirrel Squirrel, Chirp, Chip, mink, Blinkie Mole, Blackie the Beetle, Willy Toad, Christopher Cricket and Mrs Quack and her family, all of whom happened to stop by under the oak tree at that moment.

After dinner Rupert begs his daddy to tell him what is in the glass jar. "Well," laughs Mr. Bear, "it certainly isn't anything to drink. In fact, it's poison. The professor has invented it and he has asked several people to spray their fruit trees with it to kill all the blights. Later on we will tell him if it's good." He pours a few drops into a bucket of water and sets off with his syringe. Rupert eagerly looks forward to helping him, but to his disappointment his daddy sends him back. "I mustn't risk splashing you," says Mr. Bear. "This stuff may be dangerous."

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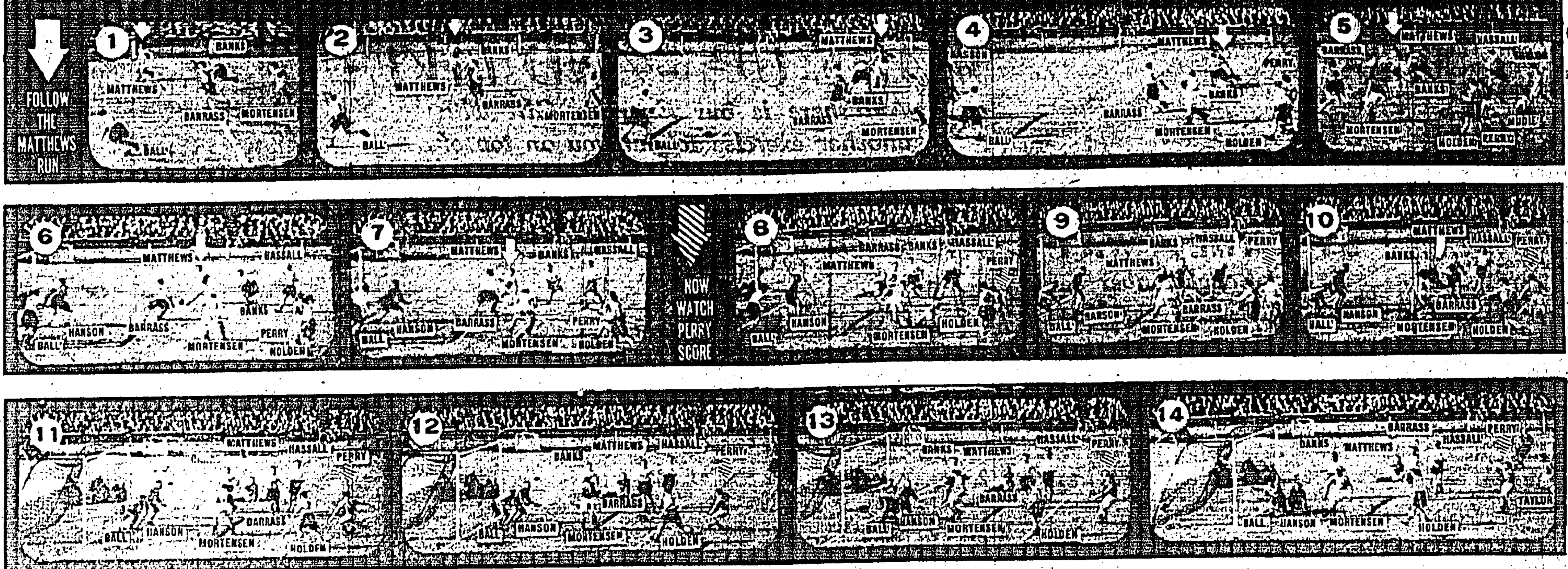
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HOW MAGICAL MATTHEWS WON THE CUP



DON COCKELL WINS THE EMPIRE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

London, May 12.

Don Cockell of London won the British and Empire Heavyweight Championships by outpointing the holder, Johnny Williams of Rugby, over 15 rounds at Harringay today.

Cockell, former Cruiserweight Champion who had to prove to the British Boxing Board of Control that he was an equitable opponent for Williams, gave the complete answer.

In a very close bout, Cockell's aggressiveness, particularly in the closing rounds despite the handicap of an almost closed left eye, saw him the edge over an opponent who fought a negative battle for long periods.

The ponderous-looking Cockell, carrying 14 stone nine pounds instead of the 12 stone seven pounds which he weighed last June, exposed Williams' limitations in a bout which never reached Championship standards.

He not only outpointed the champion, but also outboxed him for long periods and beat him with some fine left leads normally Williams' best punch.

HAMMERED HOME

Williams, sluggish and apprehensive, did much back pedalling and Cockell had to make

plenty of ground in order to get in close. The body was Cockell's best target and he carried a hammering home crashing glancing blows which often had Williams in trouble.

Williams was once or twice stung into spirited retaliation, but he did not carry a punch powerful enough to stop Cockell, who was for ever setting the pace.

In the ninth and 12th rounds, Williams fought back after taking much punishment on the ropes, and on each occasion a short right clip to the jaw had Cockell down momentarily.

There was no count on each occasion.

Williams had a graze under his right eye in the seventh round, but this was quickly washed and bleeding by the 10th. He was not handicapped by this injury, which was fortunate because his left eye was also cut in the 10th round.

CLAYTON WINS

Ronnie Clayton of Blackpool retained his British Featherweight Championship and won a second Lonsdale belt out-fighting by knocking out Freddie King of London in the fourth round of their 15-round fight at Harringay arena, London, tonight.

The end came after two minutes, including the count, in the fourth round when a vicious right hook to the jaw sent King crashing to the canvas.

King, glassy-eyed, rolled over on to his back and finally reached a sitting position as the count was tolled. He made a great effort to rise, but was still on one knee at the "out."

The finish was no surprise. King has always been credited with a "glass" jaw and this was again exposed by Clayton. Previously, a right to the jaw had King hanging on grimly in the third round and it was obvious that he would not last the distance against a puncher of Clayton's calibre.

Clayton gave a workmanlike display, worthy of the fine Champion he is. His short, snappy, well-chosen punches

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

New York, May 12.

Chicago Cubs beat Brooklyn Dodgers 6-4 in their National League baseball game here this afternoon.

Other Major League baseball games were due to be played in the evening—Reuters.

gave King plenty of trouble and his greater experience in the clinches enabled him to the King up into almost helplessness.

King's best weapon was a right hook with he landed with power in the first and second rounds, but he was rarely allowed to plant himself for a really damaging punch.

Only one boxer previously in the annals of British boxing had won two Lonsdale belts outright. He was that master craftsman Mel Tarleton, who made three belts his own property.—Reuters.

NO CONTEST

Nottingham, May 12.—A ten-round featherweight boxing contest between the British Empire champion, Roy Arkarui (Gold Coast), and Mohammed Chukhoul (France) was declared "no contest" in the seventh round here last night.

After some desultory boxing, which had brought ironic slow hand-clapping from the crowd, the referee stepped between the boxers and declared "no contest."

He had warned the boxers three times before.

Jake Tull, of South Africa, British Empire flyweight champion, outpointed Robert Munier (France) over ten rounds. The decision was loudly booed though it appeared that Tull had won nearly every round.—Reuters.

BOXER DIES

Sydney, May 12.—Johnny Stocke, a promising Aboriginal lightweight boxer who was knocked unconscious in a fight at Sydney Stadium last night, died in a hospital today.

Dick Lowe knocked down Stocke with a right to the jaw in the 12th round and was declared the winner.

The unconscious Stocke was taken to a hospital, but a brain operation failed to save his life.—Associated Press.

Kwong Wah To Play German Team In Manila

Manila, May 13.—Five international footballers spearheaded the Offenbach XI, Germany's First Division team, due here on May 21 for a three-game series. The Offenbach XI will be the first German football team ever to set foot in the Philippines.

Meanwhile, Hong Kong's Kwong Wah team will arrive on May 20, a day before the Germans. The Hongkong soccer team will play five games, of which two will be against the Germans.

A Korean team invited to this month's international football series is definitely not coming.—France-Press.

Matthews's wizardry led directly to three of Blackpool's four Cup Final goals. And the 38-year-old wonder dribbler left his most dazzling move for the last minute of the game.

Perry actually scored the goal, but Matthews had made it easy.

Follow the sequence of the sinuous dribble and that "here's-a-goal-for-you-on-a-plate" pass.

Matthews got a ball from Taylor just inside the penalty area. Bolton left-back Banks hared after him (1) while, prompted by Barrass, right back Ball races back.

Matthews, with Mortensen in support, toyed with the ball (2 and 3) and prepared to "sell the dummy" to Banks.

Now watch closely. Off he went like a flash on the outside of Banks (4 and 5). Mortensen is still there and into the picture came Perry who had wandered from the outside-left position.

Banks was left behind, and as Barrass ran in for the tackle (6) Matthews prepared to centre. Notice the beautiful balance.

Mortensen obviously thought the chance was coming to him (7), but as Matthews, having parted with the ball, fell (8), the ball was going from his foot straight along the ground to Perry.

Stanley's part was over, but Perry moved on to the ball practically unchallenged (9 and 10).

With the ball under perfect control and the goal only eight yards away, Perry flashed a scorching right-foot shot (11 and 12).

The ball passed to the right of goalkeeper Hanson and Ball and reached the back of the net (14) despite a desperate effort by Ball to deflect it with his right foot.

Blackpool players spent the next few seconds hugging each other and jumping for joy.

Then the game was restarted and in a matter of seconds Referee Griffiths blew the final whistle.

The pictures are from the Cup Final film by Gaumont British and Universal Newsreels.—(London Express Service)

GLAMORGAN SCORES A DRAMATIC ONE RUN VICTORY OVER WORCESTERSHIRE

London, May 12.

Glamorgan scored a dramatic victory by one run at Swansea today as Worcestershire just failed in a bid to score 194 runs in 145 minutes to win their County Championship match.

There were only two balls of the last over to go when Dave Shepherd bowled Yarnold, Worcestershire's last man, as he hit out in a despairing attempt to score the two runs needed for victory.

Shepherd's "bag" was five for 46.

TIGHT FINISHES

There was also some exciting cricket at Hull, where Essex finished with their last pair at the wicket and 13 runs short of victory. Yorkshire, though they declared twice in the match, lost first innings points.

Yorkshire left their opponents to make 193 in 140 minutes, and with captain Douglas Insole going in first they did so well that at the fall of the fourth wicket 46 runs were needed in 50 minutes.

Then wickets fell so rapidly against John Wardle and Holdsworth that Frank Vigar and W. Green Smith, the last pair, had to play out the last 20 minutes to avert defeat.

Holdsworth fully earned his figure of five for 21. Earlier Ray Smith had bowled splendidly for Essex to take five for 66, with his offspinners.

There was another tight finish in the drawn match between Lancashire and Warwickshire, Lancashire saving the game through their last pair, the injured Alan Wharton and bowler R. Berry.

Only three minutes of extra time remained when Berry came in, but he survived a leading over from Keith Doolery bowling to seven fielders close to the wicket.

Early in the day Doolery captured three Lancashire tail end wickets for three runs, giving his side a lead of 25. In a last-minute Warwickshire second innings Tom Doolery hit 101, including a six and 10 fours, and when belatedly he declared, he set Lancashire the difficult task of scoring 244 in two hours five minutes.

The batsmen all made brave efforts, but when the extra half hour was claimed Lancashire were hopelessly behind.

Middlesex, left to get 62 in 52 minutes to beat Hampshire, won by eight wickets with five minutes to spare.

Hampshire resumed in the morning needing 224 to overturn an innings defeat with whom they had lost 100 runs. The outstanding wickets realised 284 runs, Neville Rogers hitting 138 out of 243 with the aid of 12 fours. For four hours and 20 minutes he defied six bowlers in turn.

OUTPLAYED

Captained by England batsman David Shepherd for the first time, Sussex outplayed Somerset to win by an innings and 30 runs.

Barnet lost their remaining five second innings wickets today in less than an hour and a half for 34 runs.

Ian Thomson, young fast-medium bowler playing his first professional season, dismissed three batsmen for one run in five overs with the new ball and finished with four for 46 and match figures for eight for 71.

An unbroken fifth wicket stand of 201 in two and three-quarter hours between Tom Graveney and Andy Wilson enabled Gloucestershire to beat Leicestershire with 18 minutes to spare. Graveney hit 126 not out, with 15 runs, and Wilson made 88 hitting nine boundaries.

England batsman Roy Simpson hit 167 for Nottinghamshire against Kent in a drawn game which produced over 1,000 runs.

Driving strongly, Simpson got his runs in just under three hours. He hit a six and 16 fours. Ronald Giles made 122, not out with 19 fours in three hours.

40 minutes and Notts had to struggle in a losing battle.

THE RESULTS: Following were the results of cricket matches which ended today.

At Farnham: Sussex beat Somerset by an innings and 90 runs. Somerset 127 and 189 (Thomson four for 46). Sussex 402 for six declared.

At Hull: Yorkshire drew with Essex. Yorkshire 366 for seven declared and 190 for eight declared (Smith five for 60). Essex 370 for six declared and 479 for nine (Insole 72, Holdsworth five for 21).

At Bristol: Gloucestershire beat Leicestershire by six wickets. Gloucestershire 198 and 304 for four (Tom Graveney not out 126, Wilson not out 88). Leicestershire 243 and 250 for eight declared.

At Swansea: Glamorgan beat Worcestershire by one run. Glamorgan 278 for five declared and 189 (C. Davies 71, Ashman five for 40). Worcestershire 374 and 102 (Kenyon not out 126).

At Nottingham: Nottinghamshire drew with Kent. Kent 407 for six declared. Nottinghamshire 313 (Poole 17) and 340 for two (Simpson 157). Giles not out 126.

At Manchester: Lancashire drew with Warwickshire. Warwickshire 403 and 478 for five declared (T. Doolery 111). Lancashire 338 and 168 for eight.

At Cambridge: Cambridge University beat Free Foresters by 100 runs. Cambridge University 850 and 296 for five declared (Bushby 64, Silk 58; Subbrow 51). Free Foresters 301 and 125.

At Leeds: Middlesex beat Hampshire by eight wickets. Hampshire 188 and 224 (Rogers 128, Walker 78). Middlesex 314 for eight declared, and 82 for two.—Reuters.

McKenley Meets Rhoden Again On May 15

Los Angeles, May 12.—James "Mac" McKenley and George Rhoden will renew their famous "Quarter Mile" rivalry in the Memorial Coliseum Relay on May 16. Both General Chairman Willis O. Hunter announced.

The two "lanky" runners, who have ruled the world in the Quarter Mile for this past five years, will head a select field in the featured 440 Yards Dash.

McKenley is the world record holder for the 440 Yards in 40.0 seconds, while Rhoden holds the world record for the 400 Yards in 45.8 seconds. McKenley holds 11-1/2 mile edge over Rhoden in 44-1/2 and 400 yards races. Rhoden is out with 19 fours in three hours.

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Nominations for the new Committee must be in the hands of the Secretaries not later than Wednesday, the 20th May.

Week-day members are cordially invited to attend the Meeting.

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Hongkong, 11th May, 1953.

Scouts Want More Bobs For More Jobs

London, May 12. Britain's half a million Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs are looking for more jobs. Increased costs, and the consequent need for money, mean that they will be expected to fix a bigger target for Bob-a-Job Week. The first of these weeks, five years ago, was intended to raise funds for the movement's headquarters. "More money was raised than expected, and the surplus was devoted to the boys' own troops," said a Boy Scouts' Association spokesman. "Increased administration costs have meant that we ask for 2s. instead of 1s. from each member, and most troops have fixed bigger targets."

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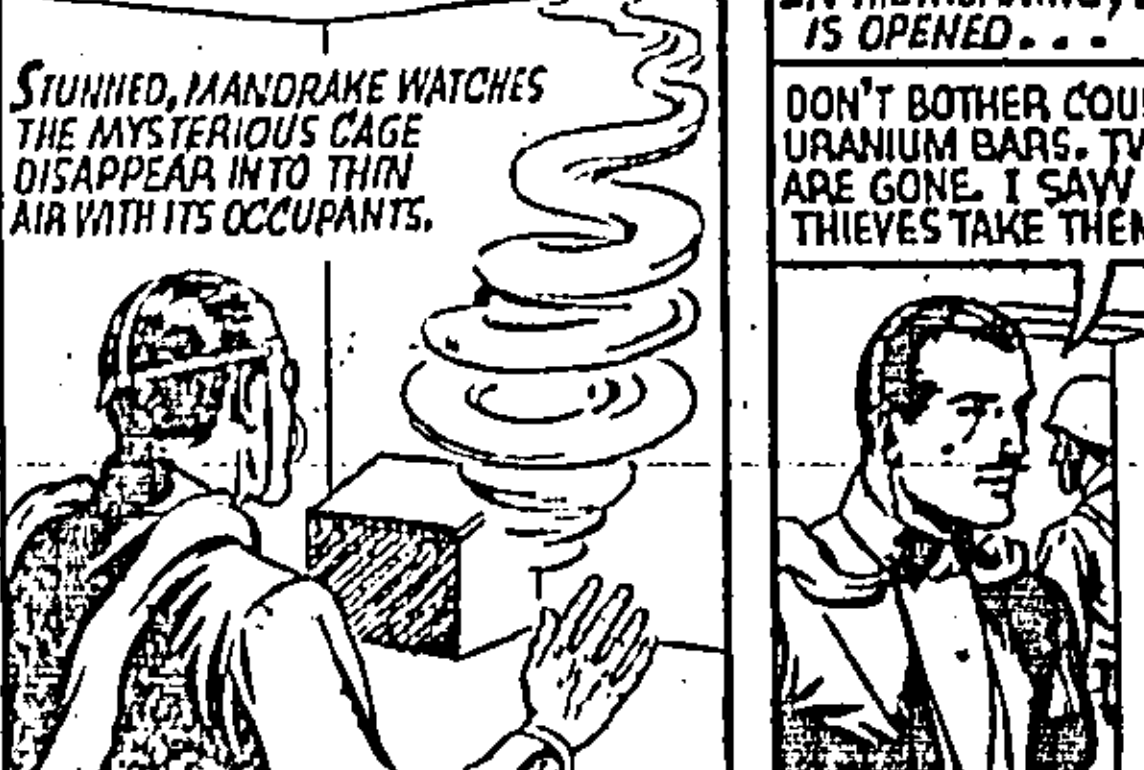
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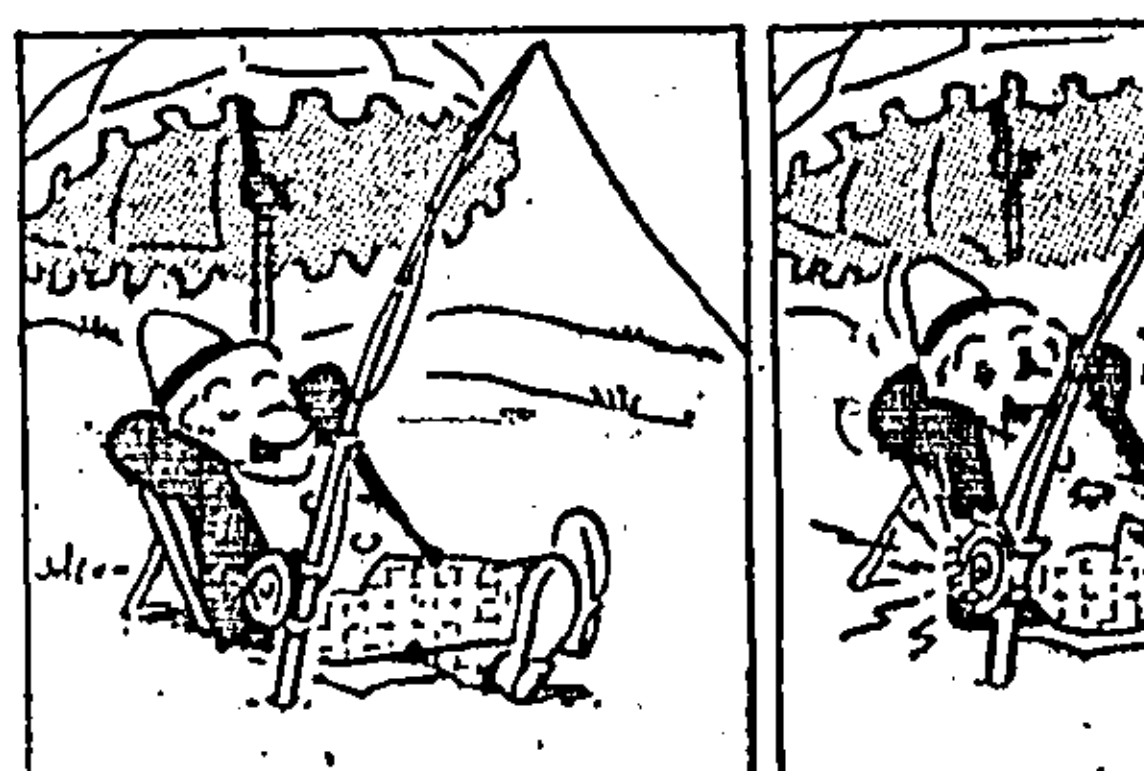
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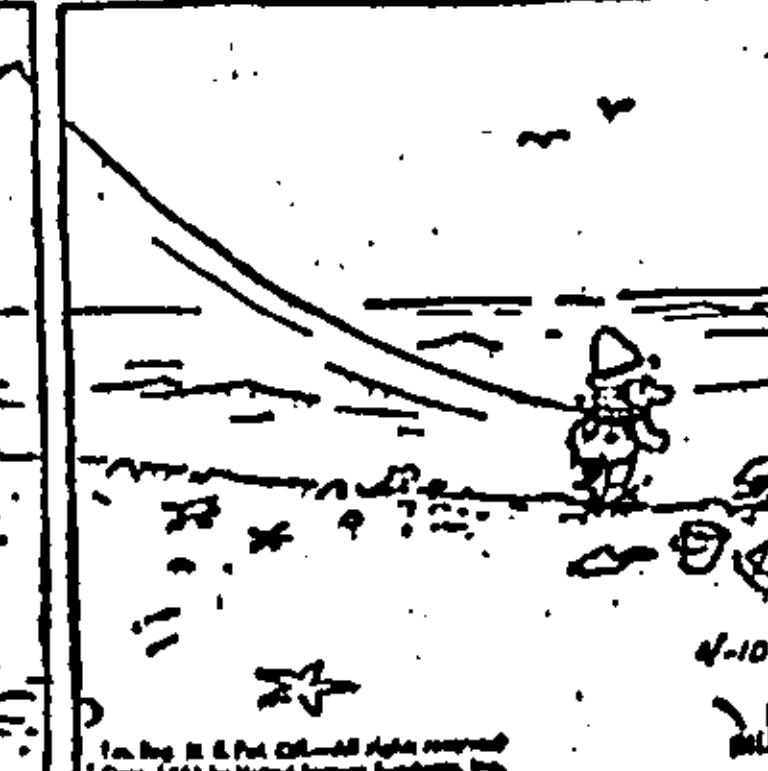
He Gives Death-Cell Lock

London, May 12. A heavy iron steel lock, cut from the door of a death cell at Amiens, France, and has been presented to the Imperial War Museum by a former French resistance leader, Dr. Antonin Manes.



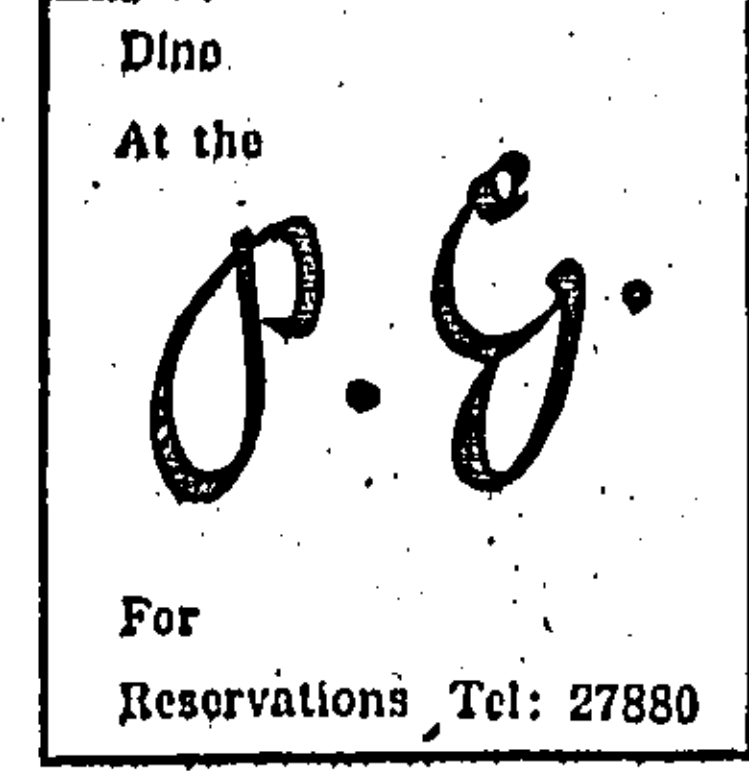
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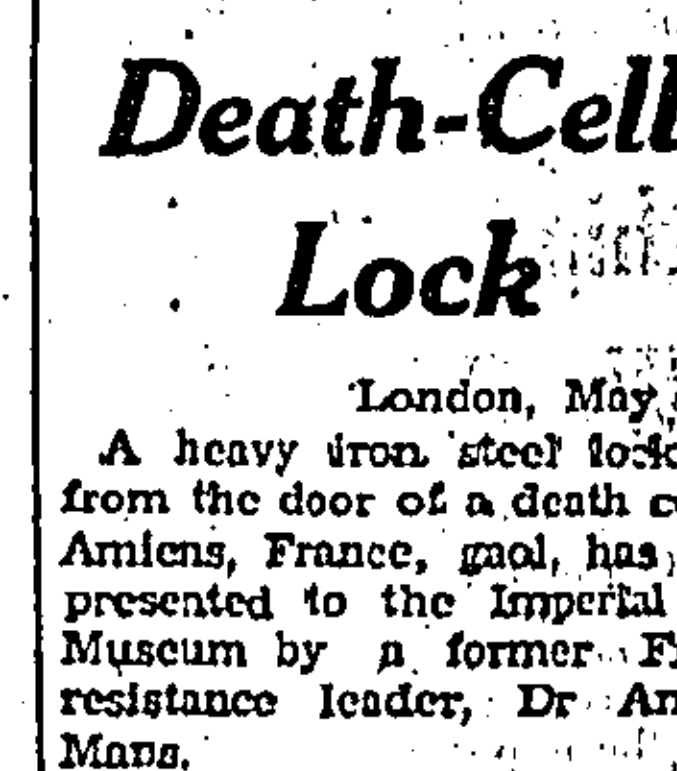
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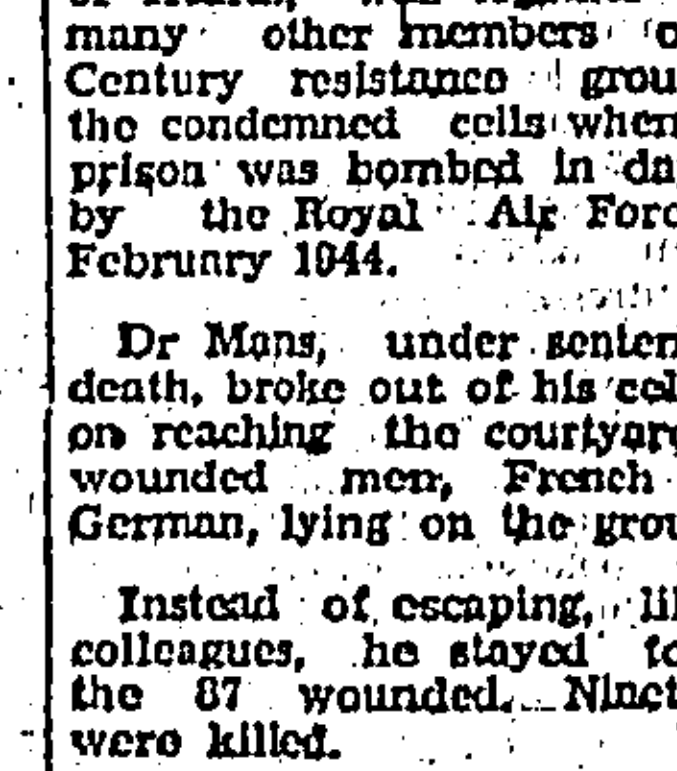
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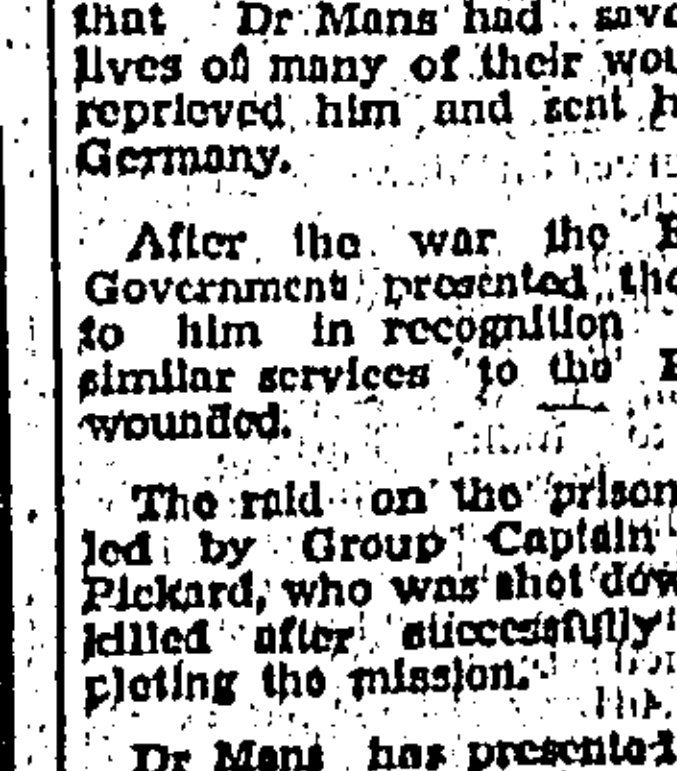
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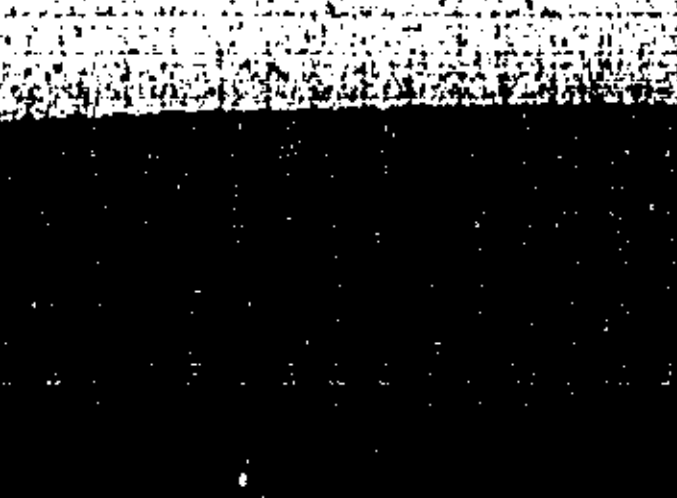
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

The New Job

THE pinnacle of all success seemed to lie before him, as accessible as an Alpine peak looks when painted on a calendar. Nothing quite so good had ever happened to Charlie as this opportunity.

The job that was on offer would pay £9 a week, and Charlie and his wife and their six-year-old son would be board and lodging provided if he got the job. It was the answer to many pressing problems.

Naturally, there was competition for a job that offered so much. There were letters to be written in the first instance, laboriously sweated over compositions that many men wrote. There was a second out, a wedding out, and a short list, and Charlie was still in the running for the desirable post.

THE PAST BEHIND

THERE were five convictions for crime against Charlie, but he had turned over a new leaf, and mercifully none of his past cropped up in this seemingly endless correspondence.

One day Charlie got a letter that said: "It is a pleasure to interview you. This is a kind of accolade. As if a sword had touched his shoulder and some voice spoken and said: 'You done all right so far, Charlie, keep it up.'"

Charlie's wife, a pretty, fair-haired girl, said: "Do make yourself look nice, dear, for this interview."

Charlie had been out of work for some weeks, and was conscious that his clothes seemed to be falling to pieces about him. "I'll be all right," he said.

DOWNFALL

HE went to a store in Oxford Street that sold cheap clothes and he stole a mackintosh to wear for the interview, thinking it would cover his worn suit. He was caught stealing.

Next day, at Great Marlborough Street, Charlie, a pleasant-looking man, pleaded guilty to shoplifting.

He was fortunate in one respect, for he was let go on bail so that he might keep his appointments with the prospective employers, though the mackintosh was kept by the police, and he had nothing with which to hide the frayed cuffs and shiny pants that told of his poverty.

HOPE RENEWED

CHARLIE came to court again, and now there was hope in his eyes. A police officer went into the witness-box to tell more of his history.

He had started life as a miner and worked at the pit face until, some years before 1915, he joined the Royal Navy. He served in peace and war at sea, until he was invalided from this service with an excellent character.

The crimes he had committed were not particularly grave; he had once obtained £5 by false pretences, and another time assumed a wrong name, which was an offence in the war years. The others were of the same degree.

At Marlborough Street, Mr Rowland Thomas, QC, heard the story, and then called in Mr Charles Morgan, the probation officer, who added more details.

A FRESH START

"I have seen his wife," Mr Morgan said. "She is a very capable woman, and as soon as he fell out of work, she got a job. And I must say for him that he also took part-time work while he was waiting for something better."

"It looks as though you were throwing your chances away when you stole this coat," the magistrate said to Charlie. He miserably agreed.

"There is another child expected in October," said Mr Morgan.

"You must think of those little ones," the magistrate said. "His trouble," said Mr Morgan, "has been drink, but in this new job he has got to be not allowed to drink..."

"Who is going to stop him?" Mr Morgan asked.

"He has promised," said Mr Morgan.

The magistrate discharged him conditionally, and Charlie, whose trouble was drink, went off to start his new job—as a resident barman in a country hotel.

Anxiety Over Tong Fights

May Lead To More
Serious Trouble

Singapore, May 13.

High police sources today viewed Monday's running water-front daylight clash between two rival Chinese secret societies as a possible pointer to more serious trouble in Singapore's underworld fight for power.

Latest reports of the newest free-for-all between two of Singapore's leading outlaw societies placed the number of persons involved as high as 50. Monday's midday street fight lasted only a few minutes, but during the melee struggling society members used knives, bottles and sticks until police cars arrived.

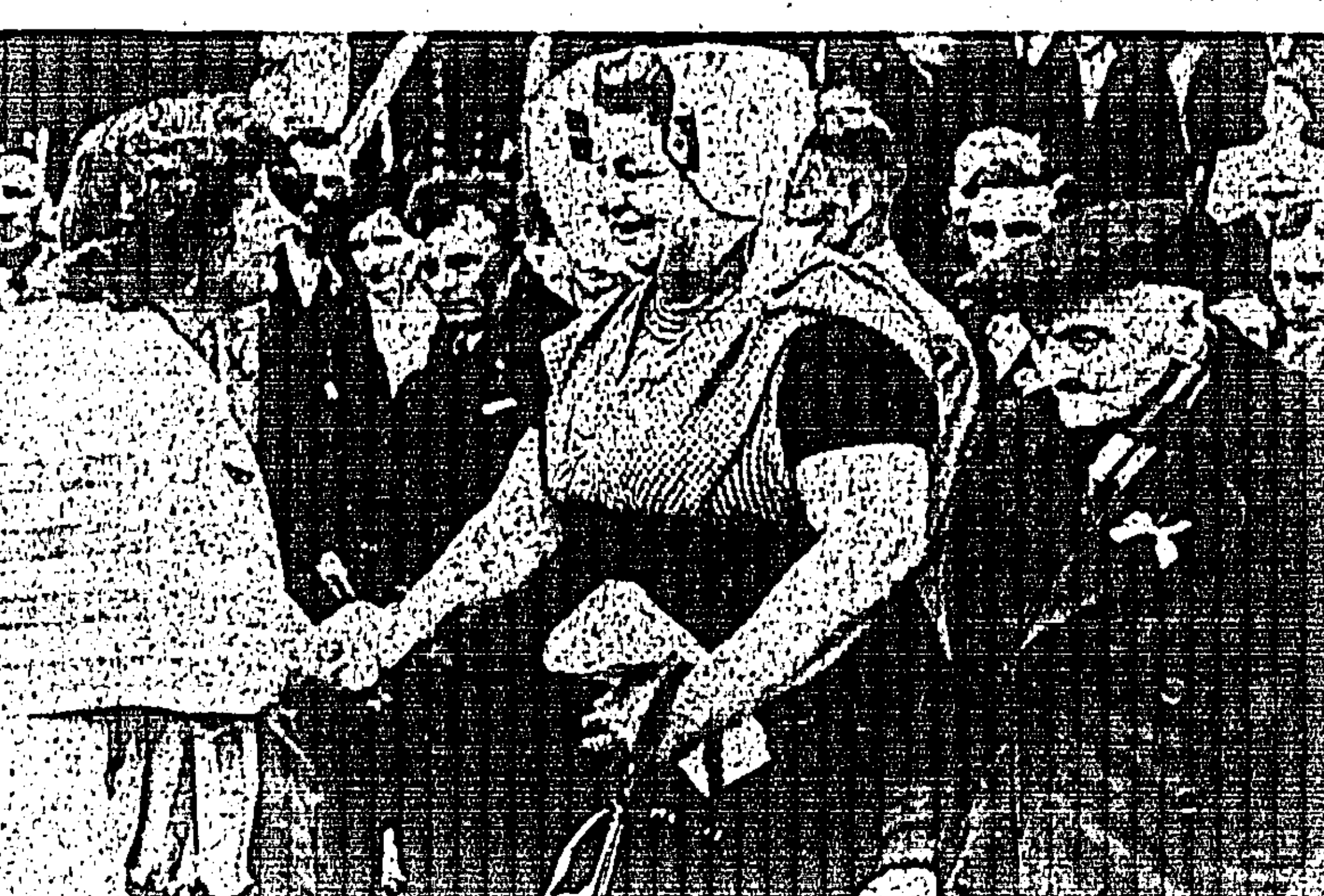
Despite quick action by the police in getting to the scene of the riot in the downtown section of Southbridge Road, all except two rioters escaped arrest. Four of them received outpatient treatment at the Singapore Hospital but were not charged by the police.

The societies involved were believed to be the infamous "08" and "52" societies, who have been waging a long-standing private war to gain control of the protection rackets in the heart of Singapore's business district.

According to police reports, bad feeling between the two gangs arose when one group attempted to "muscle in."

A high police source described the battle as "not a major clash" but added that "we are not treating the matter lightly" and would keep a sharp watch for secret society warfare following up the fight.—United Press.

Queen Juliana Receives Evacuees



Woman Barrister Makes First Appearance In Hongkong Court

Miss B. K. Searle, the newly-enrolled barrister, made her first appearance in a Court case today before Mr Justice Reece.

Miss Searle (instructed by Mr F. H. Loebe) represented the defendants Kwong Chong Ho, merchants of 12 Tung Man Street, in an action for the return of a deposit of \$5,500 in respect of a contract for carbon black. Defendants also counter-claimed for \$13,335 damages for breach of contract.

Mr Brook A. Bernachi (instructed by Mr C. Y. Kwun) appeared for the plaintiffs, Kwong Hing Hong, merchants of 17 Wing Wo Street.

He was granted an amendment to his reply to the defence and counterclaim, involving Chinese defendants of types of godowns, and as a result Miss Searle was granted an adjournment and leave to amend the defence or to file a rejoinder if necessary. Hearing of the case was fixed for 9 a.m. on June 23.

According to the statement of claim, defendants, by a written contract on September 10, 1951, agreed to sell plaintiffs ten cases of carbon black arriving by the ss Tamecia at \$1,850 a case. It was stipulated that the cases would be delivered to plaintiffs "on a 'C' basis" and if the "Kung Chong" plaintiffs would have the option to cancel the contract and to obtain a refund of the deposit money.

DEFINITIONS

"Kung Chong" was at the time of the contract intended and understood by both parties to mean a godown officially designated by Government for the purpose of storing goods, the movements of which were subject to Government's control or supervision. "C" basis was understood to mean a godown from which goods might be removed and disposed of freely without any Government control or supervision.

Plaintiffs claim that on September 10, 1951 they paid defendants a deposit of \$5,500. A week later the goods arrived by the ship and were put in a "Kung Chong" so that the goods were not delivered to them. On September 28 plaintiffs notified defendants that the goods were delivered to them from a "C" basis, and within two days they must return the deposit, but defendants did not do so.

The defence claims that the goods were stored in a private godown and plaintiffs were in breach of the contract when they failed to take delivery or

Alleged Conspiracy: Today's Evidence By First Accused

Evidence that he remained in his office all day on January 3, 1952, was given by the first accused, Lam Yung-hon, 34, proprietor of the Y. H. Lam Detective Agency when he testified on his own behalf at the continued hearing of a conspiracy case before Judge Scholes in the Victoria District Court this morning.

Lam said he did not see Lee Sau-ying (respondent in a divorce case) on the afternoon of January 3 at the On Lok Yuen Restaurant as alleged. He was, he said, engaged on business with a client in his office that afternoon.

Lam is charged together with his two brothers, Lam Yung-kit, 39, and Lam Yung-tai, 52, with having arranged for the fabrication of false evidence to be given in a divorce action heard in July, 1952, in which the petitioner was Wong Kam-chu and the respondent was Lee Sau-ying, alias Lee Man-wah.

Lam declared yesterday that he had never met Lee Sau-ying prior to the Court hearing. He denied a statement that he met her at a restaurant on January 3, 1952.

At the close of the case for the Prosecution yesterday, Judge Scholes expressed some doubts as to whether there was sufficient evidence against some of the accused. After hearing submissions by Defence Counsel and Crown Counsel, his Honour held there was a case to answer for all three accused.

Continuing his evidence-in-chief from yesterday, first accused said that the document (handed to him by Counsel) was a letter of authorization given to him by a client named Wong Kin-hau on January 3, 1952.

Wong had called on him between 2 and 3 p.m. that day and they were together for over an hour. He never saw Lee Sau-ying at the On Lok Yuen Restaurant that day, he declared.

Shortly after 5 p.m. the same day he received a telephone message from the third accused who said he had followed Lee Sau-ying and a man to the Shan Kwong Hotel. He then instructed Mok Hon-lai (his former assistant and photographer) to proceed to the Hotel and meet third accused outside the entrance. He also instructed Mok to try to take a photograph, if possible, of Lee and her companion. He did not see Mok that day before the trial, first accused told his Counsel.

DID NOT GO OUT

First accused further stated that he remained in his office all that day (January 3) and did not go out at all.

About half an hour afterwards third accused returned alone. Mok, however, returned the following day and gave him a photographic negative and several photos, which first accused identified in Court.

First accused denied a statement by Mok that the latter had met him on January 3. Mok did in fact make a written report, as did his younger brother, the third accused. Both reports were filed away in the divorce case file.

Shown another document, first accused said that this was a written report made some time in July by third accused, the contents of which were substantially the same as those in the first report submitted on January 3.

The report stated that the photograph was taken inside the Shan Kwong Hotel.

First accused said that subsequently he made a report to the petitioner, enclosing at the same time the negative and the prints.

Counsel producing the original of the letter to the Court that it was in the files of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist in connection with the divorce proceedings.

First accused said that the report to the petitioner was based on the reports submitted to him by Mok and third accused.

"NOT TOO PLEASED"

After the first hearing of the divorce action, Mok told him that the Chief Justice (who was hearing the case) was not too pleased about it.

First accused said that the divorce case file was borrowed from him by Mok before the first hearing. After the hearing was over Mok brought it back and he noticed that all the reports made out in Chinese were missing. He asked Mok about them and was told that he must have left them behind in Court.

First accused said he reprimanded Mok and told him to try to recover them from the Court.

When Mok failed to find the missing documents, he then asked Mok, third accused and Kwong Kam-sang to see him in his office. He then instructed them to re-write their reports to the best of their recollection. They did so and the reports in Chinese produced in Court were those re-written by the three men, first accused said.

As far as he knew Mok had stated in his report that the photograph was taken from the verandah. Shortly after the divorce case was dismissed, he told Mok he was dining with his wife, but Mok begged him to let him stay on until he found another job.

Before Mok's arrest on December 8, Mr Moore had called on him and asked where Mok was then working. He also requested a photograph. He furnished the particulars to Mr Moore.

DENIES STATEMENT

First accused denied a statement by Mok that he (first accused) had suggested that his former employee should abscond. Mok did ask him for \$2,000 to leave the Colony, and he said that he gave or loaned him money he first accused would have to go to prison for it.

First accused told Mr Justice that he never suspected or planned with either of his brothers how to dock to fabricate false evidence to be given at the divorce hearing. Cross-examined by Crown Counsel, first accused said he had about 15 employees, including the two accused, in December, 1951.

He said a petitioner had instructed him to get evidence in order to obtain a divorce. The charge of \$2,000 was to cover investigation no matter how long it took.

Hearing is proceeding.

This Book Is A "Must"

"Hongkong Birds" by G.A.C. Herklotz, illustrated in colour and black and white by Cdr. A.M. H. U. G. H. O. R. Published by the South China Morning Post, Ltd., 220, Queen's Road, Hong Kong. On sale at S. C. M. Post Hong Kong, Kowloon offices and Kelly and Walsh, Ltd.

Here is a book which, assuredly, will remain the most authoritative work on birds and bird-life in Hongkong for a long time to come.

Professor Herklotz, the author, makes generous acknowledgment in the Introduction to early naturalists who so painstakingly collected data concerning birds in South China, indigenous as well as migratory, yet throughout these pages the personal field work and studious notations of an ardent bird-watcher reveal themselves.

The author may have drawn some inspiration from the pioneers, but this is essentially a Herklotz book and right up to the standard which people have come to expect from his accurate and illuminating pen.

As Professor Herklotz suggests, this is not a book to be taken out on field work (his "Field Note Book" is recommended for the purpose), but to be kept at home for reference. And what a mine of referential information it contains!

The text is full of fascination, yet it could not fully serve its purpose without the exceptional fine illustrations by Commander A. M. Hughes, for many years a leading ornithologist in Hongkong and other parts of the Far East.

The coloured plates are strikingly attractive, and in every respect—authorship, illustrations and technical production—this is one of the most handsome volumes ever published in Hongkong.

For those who desire to know more about the Colony's bird-life and the species which have their habitat here (permanent as well as seasonal), as well as those already actively interested in ornithology, "Hongkong Birds" is a "must" volume for their libraries.

Vietminhese Preparing New Move

Hanoi, May 12.

The Vietminh Communist command has pulled almost half its invasion force out of Laos and is preparing a new offensive against the thinned-out Hanoi delta defences, a French headquarters spokesman said last night.

The spokesman said there appeared no doubt of the Communist intention to leave at least an entire division in control of the 40,000 square kilometres of Laotian territory overrun in the three-week invasion.

Organisation of the invaded territory already is well under way under the direction of the Communist-backed "Free Laos" government established at Sam Neua in Northern Laos.

At the same time, strong Communist forces are stationed near the defensive centres of Luang Prabang in the Plain of Jarnes and the column that struck within 15 miles of Pakxane on the Thai border remains poised for a possible attack.

In view of the situation near Pakxane, the French command is considering a rapid build-up of defences and also of the administrative capital of Vientiane, which would be directly menaced by the fall of Pakxane.—United Press.

Thought To Be Missing Junk

Lai Fuk, 36-year-old master of an unlicensed motor junk, was remanded three days by Mr T. B. Low at Marine Court this morning at the request of Sub-Inspector K. T. Wong who intimated that the Police desired to discover whether the boat was in fact the one reported missing from the Tai-O Police Station on April 30.

It was also intimated that additional charges may be preferred against defendant.

Lai is alleged to have used a junk which had no licence, and without carrying a certified coxswain and engineer. He is further alleged to have illegally carried 16 gallons of petrol aboard the junk.

Defendant is on bail of \$1,000.

STUDENT KIDNAPPED

Manila, May 13.

Twenty-one-year-old aviation student and son of a wealthy family in General Trias town, Cavite Province, was kidnapped by bandits for a 50,000-peso ransom on Monday night.

The student was identified as Bayani Dragon, brother-in-law of the mayor of Cavite city.

So well planned and secretly executed was the kidnapping that police and constabulary authorities learned about it only several hours after Dragon was picked up in a dark corner of Poblacion at the point of guns.—France-Press.

Association Elects Officers

The Ellis Kadoorie School Guardians-Teachers Association held their fourth annual general meeting at the School Hall, Sookuripoo, last week.

The following were the officials elected for the ensuing year:

President: Mr J. Aekker; Vice-President: Mr S. L. Shum; Hon. Secretary: Mr I. Haroon; Hon. Treasurer: Mr S. H. Ismail; Committee: Mr Lai Hon-cheun, Mr Khushi Mohamed, Mr M. A. Wahab, Mr Shiu Pui-hing, Mr Lau Yai-ming, Mr Szlo Hau, Mr Yuen Chow, Mr A. R. Hazek, Mr A. H. Seemlin, Mr K. T. Wong (Headmaster, A. M. School), Miss Tang O-yee, Mrs Leung Young Wai-chai, Mr C. C. Tong (Headmaster, P. M. School), Mr Chong Tuck-wing, and Mr Lee Yau.

Constables On Serious Charges

Two 23-year-old police constables were charged with larceny, demanding money with menaces and aiding and abetting, before Mr H. H. B. Low at Kowloon this morning. The date of hearing was fixed for July 7.

The defendants, Yuen Yat-ming, PC 1280, and Yin Fat-tung, PC 4187, both of Shamshui, are represented by Mr F. K. d'Almeida.

Det. Sub-Inspector R. Dudman, prosecuting, alleged that on May 8, at an unnumbered hut in Wor Chai Village, Yuen stole \$10 from Lai Kan, and demanded with menaces \$20 from Fung Wai. Yin is alleged to have aided and abetted Yuen.

Radio Hongkong

6 Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.00, School of the Pacific at Fanning, Schooled by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, G.C.M.G., to celebrate the Long Association of the Royal Norfolk and Dorset Regiments. 6.15, Variety Requests presented by Marjorie Sturges. 6.30, Weather Report. 6.35, Time Signal and Election Talk by C. C. Woo (Recorded). 6.40, News from America by Allaire Cooke (Recorded London Relay). 6.45, Orchestra of the Week—London Symphony Orchestra. 6.50, Studio Concert—Fritz Lin (Cello), Mary Ramsey (Soprano), with Piano Accompaniment by Mervyn Lee. 6.55, Weather Report. 7.15, Radio News Reel (London Relay). 7.20, Studio Music. 7.25, Save the Queen. 11.30, Close down.

"The Browning Version", which is being broadcast from the studios of Radio Hongkong to-night at 8.30 is Terence Rattigan's study of a double failure.

"The Browning Version" is a failure as a man, and as a schoolmaster. The role is played by Brian Moore who also starred America by Allaire Cooke. The play is performed by the Theatre Company, and the production is by the Hongkong Stage Club. The play is a failure as a man, and as a schoolmaster. The role is played by Brian Moore who also starred America by Allaire Cooke. The play is performed by the Theatre Company, and the production is by the Hongkong Stage Club.

Soldier's Murder Trial

At the Supreme Court on Monday, May 18, the trial will open of Pte Bernard Cox, 23, of the 1st Bn the Royal Norfolk Regiment, stationed at Camp 67, Norwegian Farm, on a charge of murder.

The case is the only one listed for trial on a special Criminal Sessions calendar for this month.

It is learned that Cox will be defended by Mr Charles E. Loebe, QC, instructed by Messrs Deacons.

The trial has been fixed for three days and will start at 9 a.m. next Monday, when a plea will first be taken.

Cox was committed for trial on April 17 for the murder of Pte John Needs, a medical orderly, at Norwegian Farm on March 21.

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